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Bleak House Spectrum charts the origins of the great Housing Benefit disaster

Pillars of Wisdom? "The Establishment is ossified." A former Thatcher adviser says the Prime Minister has refused to reform Whitehall

Decline and Fall Edward Mortimer on the decline of the French Communist Party under Georges Marchais (below)



OED Philip Howard pays homage to the "most exciting" book title of the century

Glory Game The draw for the semifinals of the Milk Cup

Doctors' warning on NHS cuts

Doctors would defy instructions from laymen appointed as National Health Service general managers if patient care was threatened, the British Medical Association told MPs in giving evidence on the Griffiths report on streamlining the service
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Earnings beat pay deals

Earnings in manufacturing industry are rising nearly twice as fast as basic pay deals which average 5 per cent. This is largely because increased output has resulted in more overtime. bonus and productivity-related

Borrowing up

The public sector borrowed £10.1 billion in the first nine months of the current financial year - slightly more than the Government's £10 billion target Page 13 for the full year

Jet sabotaged

Pakistan said sabotage was the cause of a mid-air explosion on an Air France jumbo jet with 259 people on board. Four passengers were arrested.

TSB raises rate

The Trustee Savings Bank group has raised its mortgage rate from 11 per cent to 11.5 per cent on loans up to £30,000 Page 3

Divorce vote

Church of England clergy are voting heavily against the proposals to remarry divorcees Page 12

in church. Clubs fined

Record fines of £1,000 each have been imposed on Oldham and Leigh rugby league clubs after fighting among players caused the abandonment of their match

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We apologize for shortcomings in our financial, advertising and announcements services today These are due to a dispute involving clerical members of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades '82.

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Shultz confronts Gromyko in five-hour meeting

By Our Foreign Staff

two hours longer than originally troops in a four-nation peaceplanned and, according to Tass in Moscow Mr Gromyko Washington's world-wide miliand principled manner – phrasing which indicates friction and possibly outright argument between the two men. Mr Shultz made no statement

as he left the embassy shortly afer 8pm.
In a speech earler in the day
to the European Disarmament Conference meeting in Stockholm, the Soviet Minister accused the Reagan Administration of "thinking in terms of

war and acting accordingly". He pinned the blame for the breakdown in US-Soviet talks on limiting nuclear missiles in Europe on the United States, and said Moscow would never return to the Geneva talks unless Nato abandoned its deployment of US missiles.

Moscow walked out of the talks last November after US cruise and Pershing-2 missiles, the first of 572 to be based in Europe under a five-year plan, arrived in West Germany, Britain and Italy.
"We stand for serious nego-

tiations and not for negotiations

Mr Malcolm Kerr, aged 52,

Police and Lebanese Army soldiers sealed off the campus in

west Beirut to search for a

gunman and at least one

accomplice, but no arrests were

About four hours after the

shooting an anonymous male

telephone caller told the Beirut

staff of Agence-Presse that "Islamic Jihad" was claiming

responsiblity for Mr Kerr's

university hospital.

keeping force in Lebanon, of "sowing death and destruction proposals for an agreement between nuclear powers not to use atomic weapons first and

Delegates shocked Photograph Doomsday film

for a non-aggression pact. The Nato alliance, which says it will not use nuclear or conventional weapons unless it is attacked first, has already dismissed these proposals. It wants the Stockholm conference to focus on detailed measures to tighten and extend existing rules covering notification and observation military exercises and

Gromyko struck a more positive note on these issues, saying Moscow was ready to work out extra "confidencebuilding measures" covering prior notification of major manoeuvres and agreement to limit their scale.

According to the Tass report used as a screen for covering up issued from Moscow later in the militaristic plans," Mr Groday, Mr Gromyko pressed these

University head shot

dead in Beirut

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

can University of Beirut was the group - beleived to be shot dead in the corridor composed of Lebanese Shia outside his office yesterday, and Muslims loyal to Ayatollah a shadowy pro-Iranian group claimed responibility for his had kidnapped Mr Husain murder and for the kidnapping Abdullah Farrash, the Suadi on Tuesday of a Saudi Arabian consul in Beirut, on Tuesday

was returning to his office in Saudi consul is still being held college Hall from a meeting with us and is being tried according to Islamic law, and in the head at close range. He we will soon throw his body."

was pronounced dead at the implying that he would be

Tuesday.

The statement said:

Mr Kerr's predecessor at the American University, Mr

David Dodge, was kidnapped in July 1982 and held for a year

and two days by pro-Iranian gunmen in the Bekaa valley in

The statement went on to say

that Mr Kerr, a highly respected

political scientist who had headed the university since the autumn of 1982, was targetted

as "a victim of the American

It also contained this threat:

"We also yow that not a single

American or French will remain

on this soil. We will not take up

any different pattern, and we will not back off. We will follow

all those Arab and Lebanese

agents, be they responsible or

simple collaborators with the Americans or French."

Elsewhere in Lebanon, sev-eral mortars fell on Christian

neighbourhoods in and around

east Beirut during the after-

noon, and several mortars also

were fired at Army positions in Khalde, south of Beirut.

military presence in Lebanon."

eastern Lebanon and in Iran.

The president of the Ameri- death. The caller also said that

Heated talks lasting more myko said. "Having started themes in his meeting with Mr than five hours ran into the installation of its missiles, Shultz. There was no sign in the night at the Soviet Embassy in Washington has rendered nego-report that there had been any

night at the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm yesterday as Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, met Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, for the first time in four months.

The meeting was more than the US missiles.

Mr Gromyko also accused the US could only be resumed if the US missiles to the United States, which has the Commenced existed prior to the situation that had existed prior to the commenced existed prior to the time and the control of the commenced existed prior to the time and the control of the commenced existed prior to the control of the contro existed prior to the commenced deployment of American missiles in Europe". Tass said.
"Andrei Gromyko resolutely

Gromyko repeated Soviet denounced Washington's course towards heightening tension in various parts of the world . . . towards escalating gross, including military, interference in the affairs of sovereign states." Tass

> Mr Gromyko had rejected comments from Mr Shultz that the US was seeking greater international stability; "It was said to him that the practical actions of the American administration do not tally with this," Tass said.

> Soon after the talks ended another Tass report from Moscow said that Soviet troops have begun training on new nuclear missiles placed in Czechoslovakia as part of Moscow's response to US deployment of cruise and Pershing rockets.

On Tuesday, it was revealed that Soviet soldiers were man-ning new missile bases in east

Germany. Yesterday's report from Czechoslovakia, previewing an article due to appear today in the Soviet Army newspaper Red Star, training had started the moment the rocket troops arrived in the country.

NGA bows

to courts

in Shah

dispute

The National Graphical As-

sociation effectively came to the end of the road in its long light with Mr Eddie Shah's Messen-

ger group of newspapers last

council decided, after a four-

hour debate, to purge its

contempt of court. It said: "We

need to have our assets restored

to us so that we can maintain

The union issued a statement

There was no indication of

mbers whose dismissal by

what was to become of the "Stockport Six", the NGA

Mr Shah was at the centre of

the closed shop dispute. The

vote at the national council meeting was "overwhelming",

The statement said: "The

NGA will maintain its opposition to the 1980-1982 Employment Acts. The NGA believes that the TUC

Wembley conference decisions

entitle us to the support of the

TUC in this dispute, even though we were obliged to take

action categorized as unlawful

under the terms of those Acts.
"We shall be campaigning

with other TUC unions to get a

reaffination of those decisions

at the Trades Union Congress

in September, and to get a

The long-running dispute has cost the NGA £675,000 in fines and thousands of pounds

reversal of the general con decision denying the NGA the support to which we were entitled."

according to the leadership.

after the meeting at its Bedford

the union's work."

headquarters.

threatened over closure of foundry By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter Ford union leaders yesterday now be put to mass meetings at threatened an all-out strike the 24 plants throughout the from February 13 unless the country.

All-out Ford strike

company withdraws its plan to close the Thames foundry at

Arnid mounting concern among the unions about the company's plans, Mr Ronald Todd, national organizer of the Transport and General Work-real Union: is also to seek manufacturing aperations in the seek manufacturing aperation in the seek manufacturing approach approach appro commitment to investing in pany. He was satisfied that the

loss of 2,000 jobs.

today claims to confirm their strong workforce, worst fears with an article which says the company has decided to invest more than £100m on a new Sierra engine in West Germany, which would lead to 1,700 job losses in the Dagenham engine shop.

The company last night refused to comment on the story, but denied that there was any plan to reduce the Essex complex to a mere assembly plant. Ford has spent more than £300m on the plant in recent

Yesterday's decision to strike was given "overwhelming" backing in a vote by the foundry workers, and it was thought that recommendation would

jobs cut By Our Labour Reporter Two high technology com-panies, British Aerospace and Ferranti, yesterday announced 1,180 redundancies at plants in

1,180 high

technology

the north west of England.

at Broughton, Chester.

A total of 450 Aerospace jobs

will go at Chadderton, near Oldham, and Woodford, near

Stockport. Another 400 will go

ling and Ferranti Fabrications

at Chadderton. Mr Christopher

Drake, national aerospace orga-

nizer for Tass, the engineering

would be coordinated oppo-

Aerospace said the company

hoped the redundancies could

be brought about voluntarily.

He added that the job losses

were caused by a reduced

The latest cutbacks follow

last year's 2.000 job losses, when it was decided to close the

factory at Hurn, Bournemouth

chairman, has warned of signifi-

cant redundancies if the

Government did not support

programmes such as Seawolf.

the A320 Airbus and the

Sir Austin Pearce, BAe

workload.

and other plants.

The Ferranti job losses will

Management is privately taking some comfort from the fact that the last round of mass Dagenham next year with the

Prince Moulay Rachid, son of King Hassan, welcomes PLO leader Yassir Arafat, who was in Morocco for the Islamic summit. Split over Egypt, Page 6

meetings in December over the

call for industrial action would The magazine. The Engineer, win the support of the 60,000-The company announced or Monday that the foundry was to close next April but that there would be offers of early retirement and voluntary redundancy. Ford said that it was hoping to avoid compulsory

severance. The plant had lost £75m over the last three years and there was no prospect of viability despite a £6m investmen programme over the last 18 months, Ford said. The foundry was suffering from low productivity, adverse currency

movements. over-capacity is the industry and low demand. More cuts feared, page

TUC seeks compromise on political levy ballots

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

TUC leaders decided yester- ute to the Labour Party, in day to continue their talks with exchange for abandonment of Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, in the hope of reaching a compromise on government proposals over the political activities of trade

But with time for such a deal running out, the TUC is now seeking big concessions from the Government. The unions want Mr King to drop from his Trade Union Bill a proposal for compulsory secret ballots every ten years on whether members of a union want to continue having a political fund.

In forthcoming talks, the TUC representatives, Mr Len Murray, the general secretary, and Mr William Keys, the print union leader, will offer Mr King voluntary measures to ensure that union members have a free page 2 | choice as to whether to contrib-

periodic ballots Some union leaders such as Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General Mu-

nicipal. Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, took a tougher line at a meeting of the TUC's employment policy and organization committee vester-

The committee is to meet zeain on February 15 to decide whether enough progress has been made in the delicate talks with Mr King to justify voluntary measures on the political levy. If not the TUC will withdraw from the nego-

tiations. That increasingly likely outcome is expected to prompt a government amendment to the Bill introducing "contracting in" for payment of the political

than the subject you had read,

they said. The most useful A

levels for jobs were mathemat-

Thatcher tackles 'immune targets' By Julian Haviland Political Editor

The Prime Minister yester-day criticized local government as a vested interest, and lumped it with the trade unions, the nationalized industries and the monopolies in the pro-fessions. They had been im-mone for years, she said, and she would like the governments led by her to be represented a sne would like the governments led by her to be remembered a hundred years hence for having tackled them.

Mr Margaret Thatcher's few short blunt words stood out in a

speech to political reporters which dealt more delicately and at greater length with the question of press responsibility.

Mr Edward Heath, the former Conservative Prime Minister. said vesterday after the rate capping revolt that he had no intention of being a lackey

They seemed to be directed at rebels and potential rebels among Conservative MPs, who on the second reading of the Rates Bill on Tuesday reduced the Government's majority by about a third, and who threaten to increase their

pressure as the Bill proceeds.
She did not varuish her isnuage with the usual tribute to the value of local government as an institution, or confine her criticism, as hitherto, to the few high-spending councils. The message, which was heard by Mr Edward Heath

and Mr Francis Pym among the rebels, was that the Prime Minister means to have the Mrs Thatcher was speaking

in London at a lamcheon to.
mark the centenary of the
parliamentary lobby journalists, the group of reporters
allowed to work in the lobby of the House of Commons. She asked how press freedom could be reconciled with

responsibility to the nation of which all were part. Mrs Thatcher saggested questions which deserved some

be at Ferranti Container Handthought Which weighed beavier in the reporting of news, accuracy or presentation, the need inform or to entertain.

Were facts as sacred as comment was free, should staff union, forecast that there sition from the unions to the journalists make the news. Were the media fair as well as iree. In plain terms, what di

take to secure publication of a Was there a clear understanding of the limits to incursious into privacy, whether of Crown or commoner, or were the limits set solely by what was per-ceived to be commercial inter-

Did the media present a balanced picture of life in Britain. If it showed all that was worst in our society while the dictatorships showed all that looked best in theirs, were we promoting or undermining



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in costs. Assets amounting to £10m were sequestrated by the A major report advocating Laurence "Jim" Gower, who more protection for Britain's wrote the report, said a code small investors was yesterday governing behaviour of sales-The NGA insisted that its

Job prospects for graduates percentage point or so to 10 per

Gower report criticized

men would stop the worst abuses of high-pressure selling. In the past three years,

But the standing conference

emphasized yesterday that

finding a job takes much longer

now. Graduates have to wait longer to find what they want

and must be prepared to consider a much wider range of

occupations, taking temporary

"The concept of the graduate job is changing", Mr Keith Bell, chairman of the confer-

ence, said. "The idea of the

graduate as a crown prince has

The standing conference advised caution in interpreting

the figures because there will

be about 5,500 more graduates

on the market this summer.

They reflect the larger number

graduating, the smaller pro-

work while they look around,

dispute with Mr Shah would continue, but "through other means". There will probably be no more mass pickets at Mr Shah's Warrington works. Leading article, Page 11 Union rejects 3 per cent, and Tougher rules, Page 13 Maxwell drops court action,

small investors was yesterday criticized by the Consumers' Association but welcomed by the establishment in the City of

Mr Malcolm Kerr: Re-

spected political scientist

The association wanted a ban on door-to-door selling of investments like unit trusts and life assurance, but Professor

are getting better this year, partly because the electronics

and computer industries are

continuing to need recruits but

also because less likely com-

panies, such as Macdonald's,

the burger company, have

joined the companies that tour

the universities looking for

That ray of hope among the

usually gloomy predictions given annually by the Standing Conference of Employers of Graduates means that for the

first time in three years there

are signs of growth in the

graduate employment market. Most of the 66,000 young

people leaving universities and

polytechnics this summer will

among graduates may fall a

jobs. Unemployment

Sound beoble to rectair.

investors have lost a total of £36m in savings

Better job prospects for graduates this year By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent portion of overseas students, and the reduction in some job

outlets, notably academic research and teacher training. At the same time it believes that that will be more than offset by the slightly more buoyant state of demand.

Small employers are setting out to recruit graduates, in small numbers but steadily, particularly computer com-panies dealing in software. However, the universities will be producing fewer graduates in electronics from now on because of the cuts in higher

The standing conference says that the shortage of graduates in electronics is likely to get worse pext year and that it is already proving



necessary for employers to attract graduates from other

It predicts that there might How do you want your Hamburger First or 2:12 be a slight increase in demand in the oil and chemical industries and says that more civil engineers are being sought although the number studying the subject is falling. There are likely to be a few more openings for surveyors. London University has 70job vacancies on its books this week from 50 companies. The standing conference declined to say in which disciplines studeuts would be at an advantage when it came to finding jobs. apart from the obvious one of electronics. Much more depended on what you were like

Retired judge to head fourth inquiry into Kincora vice offences

The Government yesterday prominent Unionist politicians tribunal of inquiry, but that the announced a fourth inquiry into the running of the Kincora children's home in Belfast and other homes and hostels in Ulster where staff have been found guilty of homosexual offences against residents or misconduct leading to dicipli-

The latest inquiry, to be chaired by Judge William Hughes, a retired English circuit judge, was announced in the Commons by Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, who expressed the hope that is would being to an end a "chapter of rumour and innuen-

The sentencing to imprison-ment in 1981 of five people who committed sexual offences against children in their care led to persistent allegations of a homosexual vice ring centred evidence had been produced to on kincora and involving justify the establishment of a malpractice.

and civil servants.

After an inquiry by the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Sir George Terry, the Chief Constable of Sussex, held an investigation into allegations about the way the police has conducted their inquiries, and there was a third inquiry by child-care experts of the Department of Health and Social Security.

Mr Prior told MPs yesterday that the Terry inquiry had concluded that the RUC was justified in not mounting a full investigation before it did, in 1980: that there had been no how those responsible for concealment of evidence of a providing residential care could 1980; that there had been no homosexual ring nor evidence of homosexual practices by of offences or detected them officials or police officers; but earlier and the adequacy and that there were shortcomings in the administration of the child welfare services.

Mr Prior said that no

Individual publishers have

writs outstanding against the National Graphical Association

for damages totalling £12m over

the two-day strike last Novemb-

• Fresh peace moves aimed at

Mr Bill Miles, general officer

ment under a clause in the joint

vides for a meeting of the

parties within 24 hours if either side accuses the other of breach

of the procedure. The company

even if the BBC found non-

The BBC said yesterday that

its priority was to achieve the

unhampered weekly production

of the London edition of the

dispute procedure which pro-

Stockport Messenger

Hughes inquiry will be able to sit in public if it wishes. He said that those who gave evidence "in good faith" would have protection from proceedings for defamation.

Although it was "exceedingly unlikely" that fresh evidence justifying prosecution would emerge, the Attorney General would give immunity from prosecution for evidence which would incriminate a witness in respect of homosexual and related offences.

The inquiry will consider have prevented the commission effectiveness of arrangements for supervising and protecting children in care and make recommendations to promote their welfare and prevent future

Fleet Street union rejects 3% offer

BBC and Maxwell

drop court action

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Court action over the refusal appearance of the publications of the printing union Sogat '82 in the London area or ensure

to produce or distribute the there will be no more court

the dispute is likely to go on.

The BBC and Mr Robert branches would agree to distrib-

contempt of court hearing this production of The Listener.

orders. It is

National newspaper publevels and the incidence of lishers yesterday offered pay unofficial strikes. lishers yesterday offered pay rises of 3 per cent to 30,000 printing workers in Fleet Street and Manchester and proposed measures to reduce manpower in the industry.

Printing union leaders, who er in support of six printers and asked for 10 per cent dismissed by Mr Eddie Shah of had asked for 10 per cent increases and a sixth week's holiday, rejected the offer but Group. the two sides are to meet again on February 6 and the opening round of negotiations was

escribed as "not acrimonious" dispute among white-collar ln the meantime, unions and workers at Times Newspapers described as "not acrimonious". the Newspaper Publishers As- over the appointment of a manager are to take place today sociation will exhange views on after rejection by the Sogat '82 clerical chapel (office branch) of the interpretation of the present wage agreement. The employers are seeking agreement from the a formula for return agreed unions that workers who leave earlier with national officials of the industry should not automatically be replaced.

The publishers would also of the union, last night sought like an assurance from the early talks with the manageunions that there will be no disruption of production of any title for the next year.

The unions expect an improvement on the original offer next month, although the publishers are understood to be said that the initiative was determined this year to attach acceptable and discussions will conditions to the final settle-ment that will reduce manning afternoon.

ecution of the Kaalo

Maxwell's British Printing and ute it.

Times has been dropped. But

Communications Corporation

magazine, decided yesterday to

halt a High Court application,

The decision was prompted

by the BBC's canellation of the

contract for the 600,000 copies

and its search for alternative

Mr William Keys, general

secretary of the union, has made clear his defiance of a High

Court order taken out on

January 11 instructing the

union to lift its restrictions on

the Radio Times and The

Fourth man on

kidnap charge

But the ending of legal action

A fourth man was charged at

the special criminal court in

Dublin yesterday in connexion

with the kidnap of Mr Richard

Hill, the stepfather of Mr Harry

Kirkpatrick, the Irish National

Rig yard plea to

A deputation organized by the Scottish TUC and expected to include general secretaries of the main unions involved, will ask Mrs Margaret Thatcher to use her influence to persuade the management to renegotiate an £88m contract for an oil rig which Britoil has cancelled.

The cancellation, prompted by the rig's being two-and-a-half years behind schedule, builders finds a private buyer for the yard by the end of the

Mr James Milne, general secretary of the Scottish TUC, said: "If Scott Lithgow closes it would have a disastrous impact on the community, which is highly dependent on shipbuild-

Mr Graham Day, chairman of the company, told the unions two sides were in the middle of

● The Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions decided yesterday to support any action taken by the

Labour's industry spokesmen and parliamentary shipbuilding group, as well as chief officials of the 14 unions involved, to a

meeting in London on Monday. A mass meeting of Scott Lithgow workers on Friday will decide whether to take indus-

which would have resulted in a Radio Times and guaranteed In the last two and a half years more than 32 million

copies of the Radio Times have been lost because of a dispute over BPCC's Park Royal plant in north London. The company and the union have been in dispute over pay and manning levels on a £10m web offset printing machine

that BPCC wanted to instal at Mr Maxwell, chairman of the company, said at the weekend that the plant would now be

Scott Lithgow workers (the Press Association reports).

trial action. Mr Gordon Wilson, leader of

the Scottish National Party, called on all opposition parties to mite to save the yard.

Thatcher

means the workforce will be reduced to about 700 by March. Unless British Shipsummer it will close.

on Tuesday that there could be no question of renegotiating the Britoil contract, because the

anything he could to ensure the rig was completed on the Clyde. He made no response to the

Leaders of the shipbuilding nnions will today request an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister over the future of the Scott Lithgow yard on the Clyde, which is under threat of closure with the loss of 4,000

Mr George Younger, Sec-retary of State for Scotland, assured MPs that he would do

opposition requests that he get British Shipbuilders and Britoil round the table immediately to ensure no possibility of saving the contract was missed. Parliament, page 4

Ford iob losses More cuts feared

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Ford's Dagenham foundry, with the loss of 2,000 jobs, is the first move in reorganization of its European engine plants that will boost output at the company's plant in Cologne at the expence of another 1,700 British jobs, it was claimed last night.

Mr Kenneth Livingstone,

Labour leader of the Greater

London Council (GLC), yester-

day mustered a degree of all-

party support for his group's

opposition to government plans

At a press conference yester-

day, he read out a statement

issued by Mr Alan Greengrass,

leader of the Minority Con-

servative group on the GLC, in

which he opposed the Govern-

ment's present proposals to restructive local government.

Also at the county hall conference was Mr Adrian

Slade, Liberal group leader, who

voiced his "total opposition" to

the abolition plans.
"No one detests the political

games the GLC Labour party

has been playing since 1981 more then I. That cannot blind

you to the overwhelming case the GLC professional officers

"I support the Government's

desire to restructure if they can

get a better deal than at present. The officers' papers today prove

beyond doubt that the Govern-

The statement showed that

Conservative misgivings about

government policy on local authorities went beyond the

scope of the rate capping revolt

in the Commons on Tuesday.

have made today.

to abolish the council.

Component sources in the West Midlands reported yesterday that Ford's purchasing department was making inquiries about supplies which will be required for a new family of petrol engines, codenamed R4 and replacing the present 1.6 and two-litre engines used in Sierra cars and transit vans.

Ford is apparently planning to invest £100m in R4, which will increase the size of its standard medium engine from 1.6 to 1.8 litres. The production larget for the R4 in Cologne is 1,500 engines a day compared with 1,000 at present and will be in full swing by early 1986.
Ford chiefs have attempted

to counter union critisism by suggesting that the new 1.6 litre lightweight diesel engine which has just gone into production at Dagenham will fill the gap when

The announced closure of Dagenham should become the ord's Dagenham foundry, with diesel manufacturing centre for the whole of Europe with Cologne taking on the same role for petrol engines.

The weakness in that strat-

Rescue from the Needles

GLC Tory leader has

reservations on abolition

Leaders in London local

government followed the Government's parliamentary embarrassment with a series of

Association of London Auth-

orities accused Mr Patrick

Jenkin, Secretary of State for

the Environment, of "robbing"

Mr Knight said in Brixton

that council services would

have to be cut by a quarter with the loss of 3,000 jobs if councillors accepted the spend-

ing target issued by ministers.

The largest saving possible

without damaging services was 15m out of a budget of £125m. Unemployment and social deprivation in the borough were

worse than at the time of the

Brixton riots of 1981, Mr

Knight added. Government penalties for alleged "overs-pending" might force the

council to raise rates by as

London Authorities, said after

meeting Mr Jenkin for an hour:

"I do not think he will have

much regard for what we said

this afternoon.

He has deliberately robbed

London of resources and it is

Mrs Margaret Hodge, chair-

much as 41 per cent.

attacks on ministers.

London of resources.

egy, according to the unions, is that demand for petrol engines is a known quantity while the new diesel engines has still to appear in a car. They argue that the boom in diesel cars which was forecast

during the last oil crisis has not

materialized and it is most unlikely that diesel output at Dagenham will reach 600 a day, let alone the 1,600 management has talked about. The Engineer magazine said yesterday that Ford was being pushed into its latest move overseas because its great rival

General Motors, was making such progress in Britain with cars which did not contain a single British-made engine. The magazine said: "New investment is vital for our

component manufacturers and the Government should begin to take a dim view of multinationals who want to masquerade as domestic manufacturers

Plant breeding unit fights to save scientists' jobs

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

The Government has been warned that the decision to save £13m on the spending of the Agricultural and Food to lose their jobs. Research Council will disastrously erode the scientific expertise of the Welsh Plant Breeding Station at Aberyst-

Politicians, unious, academics have combined to try to reverse the decision which they say will much worsen an lamentable situation caused by serious under-fund-

its pioneering work in plant breeding, grassland improvement, and research.

Because of the instruction to save £500,000 a year, a quarter of the scientific staff of 150 are

bectare allocated to research in Scotland, Wales receives only f3. Although there are more dairy cows and sheep in Wales, Scotland has a key institute devoted to dairy research and another to hill farming. Mr Raymond Jones, head of

the station's chemistry department, which has been made redundant, said: "If the proposed cuts are carried out in their entirety this will fragment the station to a mere experimental farm for the powerful



By Colin Hughes Doctors would defy instruc-tions given to them by health service general managers if patient care was threatened, the chairman of the British Medical Association, Mr Anthony Graham told the House of Commons Social Services
Committee last night.

Giving evidence to the committee on the Griffiths teport on health service management Mr Graham said that if the proposed general manager "took decisions which were to our patients we would not feel government is that most people bound to carry out those in this country will not bound to carry out those instructions.

Asked by Mr Nicholas Winterton Tory MP for Macclesfield, if he thought such
conflict likely Mr Graham said
that the Griffiths proposals were
the converge for doctors to over the Government's retretoo vague for doctors to discover their precise role. "The point is we do not know", he

Doctors saw no reason to take decision-making from collective groups of pro-fessionals and hand it to a layman. "The type of management used in trade or commerce may not be appropriate in health care", Mr Graham

Dr John Havard, secretary of the BMA, told the committee: Griffiths is almost completely silent on the matter of medical advisory machinery". Instead, he proposed, team management should continue with an elected chairman paid to take overall decisions on the advice of medical staff.

Mr Graham feared that autrocratic general managers were being imposed on pro-fessional teams by default. "We are arguing against a case which we have not yet seen. Perhaps our fears are groundless, but we need more information."

On the report he added: "I cannot see any major suggestion to which we warm. I don't think Griffiths has found anything

Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, told the committee: "We believe that the Griffiths recommendation is radical and unnecessary, and will cause divisioness within the health service". Mr David Crouch, Conserva

on nurses overlapping for three

tive MP for Canterbury asked whether the college accepted that a driving force in manage-ment was needed. Mr Clay replied: "Society would be the poorer if nurses were not in that ranagement arena". Mr Winterton questioned the need for some hospitals to

The 60-page GLC reply ends with vivid illustrations of the confusion officers believe there will be if the council is scrapped and succeeded by the mixture of boroughs and committees pro-A diagram of the present

pattern of relationships between cobweb from an unswept attic. Jenkin to meet the council in a

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent that which has forced up the rates. He has deliberately manipulated the way he distributed grant to take it away from

Mr Ted Knight, Labour leader in Lambeth called for a new Scarman inquiry and the Mrs Hodge is an Islington borough councillor and the association was formed by Labour councillors last year as an alternative to the Conservative-led London Boroughs Association.

At the press conference Mr Slade said: "We are totally opposed to the White Paper." He was referring to the 1983 government document Stream-lining the Cities, which called for abolition of the GLC and the six English metropolitan

posed by ministers.

the GLC and the London boroughs looks like delicate lacework. The GLC officers' version of the Government's planned future looks like a

spend an extra £700,000 a year

and a half hours on shifts, but Mrs Mary Lawrence, chief nursing officer in St Thomas's Five hundred family doctors plans to cut drastically their use

Mr Livingstone called on Mr public debate about abolition.



Villagers support couple's appeal against deportation

Since being made redundeant

by the Denham shipping com-

pany in September, 1982, Mr

Pereira has made a successful

second career as an area sales

manager with a double-glazing

The Pereiras pay British

income tax and national in-

surance; they own their home

on a morigage and are on the

electoral register. For the past

two years Mr Pereira has played

Father Christmas for the local

mothers' and toddlers' group.

Keira, who was born in Britain,

The Home Office argues that

Mr Pereira's right to reside on

British soil was temporary and

conditional upon his employ-

holds a British passport.

ment at sea.

Overseas selling prices

An Indian couple fighting he would be unlikely to find deportation from their home in work because his ship's engin-Hampshire village are to learn eer's certificate is English. within 10 days whether they can The Perciras have lived in the stav in Britain: village for the past five years.

Mr Rodney Pereira, aged 33. and his wife Gail, aged 28, of Bishop's Waltham, are awaiting the decision of a Southampton immigration appeals tribunal. which heard their case on Tuesday.

That case has become something of a cause celebre in the village, whose residents have held public meetings to protest against the deportation order and have petitioned the Queen and the Home Office to allow the couple and their daughter Keira, aged three, to stay.

Father Declan Lang, their parish priest, said yesterday. The Catholic community in Bishop's Waltham and the surrounding villages are very fond of Gail and Rodney and hope they will be able to stay. They are very much part of the

Community."

As English-speaking Roman
Catholics, Mr Pereira said, the
family would face prejudice in
India, even though he still has
relatives in Bombay. As a
former Merchant Navy officer,

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Geoffrey Smith

One of the common features of any legislation on local understand it. Local government itself is complex, and any capping Bill. But this does not mean that it is of no politica importance.

It is essentially a politician's issue in the sense that it is the politicians themselves who are most worked up about it. This means that its effects upon the political landscape will be largely indirect.

The principle of financial

autonomy for local government, which so exercised the House of Commons on Tuesday, will not set pulses racing up and down the country. Local comcillors are not exactly the folk heroes of our age.

Whether the most controversial section of the Bill - the

general powers to curb local authority expenditure – re-mains in the legislation is unlikely to become a subject of fervent public debate at the bus-stop. It is hard to see that these particular provisions are necessary to the Government's purpose, as ministers have explained that purpose. The selective powers would seem to be sufficient for that task. Amendments to the Bill, no matter how major they may be, will be of broader political consequence only in so far as they affect the Government's

Reputations of ministers at stake

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But there is this political ion. The reputation of individual ministers are very much at stake. So too is the morale of the Government. It has a delicate judgment to excercise. It may wish particular clauses in the Bill so as to deter its supporters, both in the Commons and the Lords. from insisting upon changes But while such a strategy m make defeats rather less likely, it would also make those that district in London, said that time was essential for teaching student nurses.

do occur more important. In political terms, defeats will matter, as the Bill goes throught Parliament, only to makes them matter.

The challenge to the Governent comes from three sources: from disaffected Conservative hackbenchers in the Commons not all of whom are consumed with anxiety for local government, from Tory and crossbench peers who do feel strongly about local government; and from the local government interest in the Conservative Party outside

This last element should not be under-estimated. Local councillors may not be loved by the general public, but they are more powerful now in the Conservative Party than ever before. They hold office in the constituency Together with aspiring conci-lors, they are the lifeblood of the party at local level.

Heavyweights in search of prey

than in the past to put a bit of pressure on their MP. A 2000 many Conservative memb have had some uncomfortable meetings in their constituencies over this Bill, although the protests are more likely to come from rural than urban areas.

Whether this pressure will

be sufficient to bring about substantial amendments during the committee stage cannot properly be judged from the second reading debate. When are roaming the forest in search of their prey there may be a tendency to be too much impressed by the names rather than the number of the rebels. At this stage it looks as if the Bill is in greater danger of being severely manled in the Lords. It will not be thrown out there, because it would not be in the spirit of the upper house today to reject a measure which had been a major item in the manifesto of the winning party at a recent general election. But any peer who did not like the legislation might reflect that it would strengthen the repu-

shrink from amending signifi-cantly one of the principal Conservative Bills of the session. In due course, though, the Bill is almost certain to be passed with enough of its substance intact. The critical political questions are whether in the process ministers will have outraged too many of their

tation of the Lords for thinking

independently if they did not

supporters and whether they will give the impression of having lost their touch.

Liberation Army "supergrass". Gregory Carroll, aged 19, of Armagh in Northern Ireland, with an address at Mullaghmatt, co Monaghan, was charged with falsely imprisoning Mr Hill in co Donegal between August 16 and 19 last year. He was remanded in custody

Police question

man on killings Dublin police were questioning a man yesterday about the killings last November of three men during a service at the Elim Pentecostal Church in

Darkley, co. Armagh. The three victims died when gunmen fired shots in the church as hymns were being

By Pat Healy, Race Relations Correspondent Black voters are likely to Labour Party, although their achieve a minor success through remain loyal to the Labour votes would begin to fragment its controversial advertisement Party although they do not vote as more moved out of black as a racial group, according to communities and achieved an analysis by the Runnymede commercial and academic suc-Trust in the last general

election.

class because of the disadvantages and discrimination they suffer than as a racial group. That class indentification would lead them to vote for the

Porton crash plane was flying in danger area

The Jaguar military aircraft that exploded and crashed on Tuesday near the Porton Down chemical defence establishment in Wiltshire was flying in an area marked "danger" on air navigation charts, it was dis-

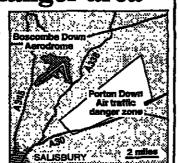
closed yesterday. The pilot, named as Squadron Leader Tim Allen, in his early thirties and married. ejected safely when the aircraft was only 150ft above the ground. He was on a routine flight from the Empire Test Pilots' School at Boscombe Down. He was within a military air training zone and in normal

radar control. "He was in controlled air space at the time", the Civil Aviation Authority said. "Porton Down is not prohibited but

designated as a danger area". Apart from announcing a to crash within the Salisbury board of inquiry into the crash, district in six years. Blacks 'do not vote as racial group'

cess.
The lack of a coherent group The paper suggests that black identity among black voters voters are more likely to meant that the main political identify themselves as working parties were mistaken in attempting to attract a "black

vote", according to Miss Marian Fitzgerald, a political researcher
The Conservative Party did



the Ministry of defence made no comment yesterday. But Dr Jeremy Bray, the Opposition spokesman on science and technology, called for a full statement, saying he was greatly concerned to hear Porton was designated only as a small

danger area. The Jaguar was the third aircraft from Boscombe Down

showing a smartly dressed West

commitment to positive dis-

Indian or Asian with the slogan, Labour Says he's Black, Tories Say he's British." It had been directed at aspiring middle class black voters who did not want to be identified with the stereotyped image of their ethnic group, and white racists who were suspicious of the Labour Party's

the Sierra engine moves to West but are not prepared to make Germany. The intention is that that down payment".

Compared with the £15 a

Since it was founded 60 years ago the station has won an international reputation for



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'Needless delays' make thousands wait up to 12 weeks for abortions

abortions have to wait for up to recognition of pregancy, and private sector". 12 weeks before they receive the about the urgent need to seek operation under the National help, advice, and counselling measures of delay suggest that Health Service, according to a whenever pregnancy is recogreport published yesterday.

The report, by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, criticizes needless delays caused by inefficient administration and emphasizes the greater risks of complications and of psychological and emotional difficulties difficulties among women who have abortions after the twelfth week

One in five women medically referred for the operation before the twelfth week of pregnancy did not have the abornon until between the twentieth and twenty-third weeks, according calls for studies into the possibility of performing some abortions as day cases in That delay was described as

"appalling and unforgivable" vesterday by the British Pregnancy Advisory Service, which has thirty centres and five clinics in Britain.

in England and Wales, the college says that despite the risks involved in late abortions. neither women seeking such abortions nor those providing abortion services fully realize the importance of minimizing

Since young women form a large proportion of those having delays occurring between con-delayed abortions, there is an sultation and the operation

TSB raises

mortgage

rate

to 11.5%

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Banking Correspondent

Home loans from the Trustee

Savings Bank will cost more

from March 1. The TSB group

is pushing up its mortgage rate

from 11 per cent to 11.5 per

cent on loans of up to £30,000. The increase will apply to

increase interest rates on home

loans and its action has further

dimmed hopes that mortgage

rates will soon be on the way

until later in the year.

loans of more than £30.000.

The Woolwich Equitable

Building Society announced yesterday plans to raise mort-

gage lending by 40 per cent this

year and make loans available

to members and non-members.

The total of home loan is

planned to rise to £1,400m compared with £1,000m last

About six hundred applications

have been received from inves-

tors in the New Cross Building

Society claiming hardship as a

reason for needing access to their savings. Mr Michael Tuke,

the new chief executive of the

society, said yesterday.

Earlier this month, Midland

present and new borrowers.

nized. the college says. "Some unneccessary delays

are caused by inefficiencies in the administration of the abortion services. This was shown by long intervals abortions, not the women who between referral for abortion were using the service." and consultation."

The college recommends that appointments should be made preferably by telephone, withhealth service hospitals.

More than 160,000 abortions are carried out each year in England and Wales. Twenty per cent of them, involving 32,000 women, are conducted between In the report, Late Abortion the thirteenth and twenty-seventh weeks of pregnancy.

Such human factors indecision and apprehension among women were factors involved in about 50 per cent of late abortions, and failure to

Thousands of women who urgent need to provide more though such delay was rarely are referred medically for education for them about the of significant length in the

li adds: "These objective deliciencies in the organization of the abortion service, especial-"This is true whether the ly in the NHS, makes a pregnancy is planned or unplanned, wanted or unwanted", avoidable delay in second trimester abortion, a factor not often acknowledged by respondents to the questionaires These, it must be remembered. were the doctors carrying out

> The delay of up to 12 weeks between medical referral for abortion and the operation was described as "appalling and unforgivable" yesterday by Mrs Diane Munday, spokes the British Pregnancy

Bookmakers

back Bill

to win trade

By Rupert Morris

The alleged inability

customs officers to crack down

on illegal betting in Britain is being challenged by book-

The Betting Office Licensees

Association believes that spend-

ing cutbacks have restricted the

resources the Customs and

Excise Department can allocate

to combat illegal gambling, and that this explains the depart-

ment's lukewarm attitude to a

suggested investigation of illegal

gambling.
With the Home Office under-

stood to be favouring a private member's Bill introduced by Sir

Ian Gilmour, Conservative MP

for Chesham and Amersham

aimed at making betting offices

more attractive, the association

is stepping up its campaign in support of the Bill.

To be given its second reading in March, it would allow betting shops to instal

television sets and soft drink

Bookmakers have been

complaining fro some time that

the spartan surroundings of

betting shops encourage people to go to illegally-operated pubs

The bookmakers' association,

which has supplied information

on illegal betting shops - from

pubs where bets are taken over

the bar to clubs where prices are

displayed on a blackboard and

racing commentaries provided

by a national news agency - is now complaining that Customs and Excise has failed to follow

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Man admits

thefts

from bodies

A mortuary attendant said he stole money and jewelry from

bodies when he gave evidence

for the prosecution at the trial at

Southwark Crown Court yester-

day of a second mortuary attendant.

Raymond Thomas, aged 26, of Gerriage Street, Southwark, South London, who was jailed fr 18 months, nine of which were suspended, had pleaded

guilty to conspiracy to steal, theft, and handling stolen

coffins between November, 1981, and October, 1982.

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Stations that would get an accelerated Met Line service

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Stations that would get an Express Bus service to Marylebone

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Advisory Service.

The Co-ordinating Committee in Defence of the 1967 Abortion Act, which represents 59 member organizations in-cluding the Family Planning Association, the Brook Advis-ory Centres, and the Pregnancy Advisory Service, said yester-day that it supported the college's recommendations for

more day care services.
"Most of the delays in abortion operations are caused by the administrators of the recognize pregnancy was a service rather than by the factor in more than 30 per cent.

The report says that it found committee coordinator, Miss Joanna Chambers, said.

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Trading watchdogs plead for counties

departments of the six threat open their own battle for survival with a one-day conference at the House of

Commons today. The conference is a further step by the counties of Greater Manchester, Merseyside, South Yorkshire, Type and Wear, West Midlands, and West Yorkshire to challenge government plan to abolish

The group, which has lent nearly £1,000m in the mortgage The six chairman of the market, is the third big bank to various trading standards and committees also published a joint 14-page document today claiming they have provided "cffective, efficient, and economic value" for 11.3 raised the cost of its home loans million people. The annual cost

balf a percentage point 10 11.25. Lloyds decided on an a head of population of trading standards departments in the even bigger rise of 0.75 percentsix counties was 89.4p, compared with 169.5p in the age point to 11.75 although that applied to new borrowers only. London boroughs. The six At the end of last year there counties employ 730 people in were hopes that the building the field. societies' 11.25 per cent rate would soon fall, but there is little chance of that happening entitled The document

Trading Standards in the Metropolitan Counties, says TSB group increase will raise unfirmity by co-ordination and net monthly payments by £5.75 liason, maximizing the economics of scale and being to £184.50 for borrowers with a £25,000 mortgage spread over able to meet ever-changing 25 years. The group usually charges 0.5 per cent extra on

It helps to stem the flow of

The consumer protection metropolitan counties

of service".

The documents "Product counterfeiting is the boom industry of the 1980s. New and traditional industries are badly hit by this deceitful practice, as are the purchasers of inferior copies of genuine

"The size of the fraud is inevitably speculative but estimates put it between £500m and £1,000m. "Action taken in the past year included the seizure of 50,000 video tapes and tens of thousands of items of clothing. "Investigations of this type can be protracted and complex, the frands are not localized and the metropolitan counties have formed a joint group of officers to investigate these major frauds."

per cent of all safety checks in Britain had been carried out by the six counties, and they had led the battle to control the second-hand car trade, which

protects the quality of British

goods, curbs the production of counterfeit products, fights unscrupulous second-hand cars dealers, and monitors food

To split the service between district councils "will lead to a substantial increase in costs and a deterioration in the level

The document says that 68

brought the greatest number of dangerous imported goods, complaints from the public.

More than half of all men that class. So the determining who attempt suicide are unem- factor may be class rather than ployed, according to research published in the magazine New

Society today. People unemployed for more than a year are 19 times more likely to try to kill themselves. and 40 per cent of people appearing before English courts are unemployed, it says. The author, Martyn Harris,

says that most men are un-skilled manual workers, and

Jobless 'suicide risk'

unemployment.
The unemployed live on 40 per cent of what the employed are paid, he says. Their families tend to be more housebound, unable to afford trips to public houses, cinemas, relations or friends. They watch a lot of television and smoke too much.

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The second mortuary attend-They are six times more likely to batter their children and twice as likely to get ant, Mr Aston Holness, of Eveline Road, Peckham, South London was found not guilty of conspiracy to steal,

over 'lost' holidays By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor A quesion mark hangs over at, the demand on the fund compensation for lost puckage could well have been greater holidays with the news that a than the money available to

Rank outsider: Elizabeth Wilks, aged 17, one of the few girls ever to head a public school, with fellow pupils at Worksop College, Nottinghamshire, after she became Captain yesterday. Boys outnumber girls by five to one at the school

Compensation fears

government final safety net meet it."

fund has shrunk greatly.

The fund is designed to help those who suffer if a tour operator fails financially. It has fallen by two thirds since the Laker collapse, itself responsible for claims that wiped out nearly half of the fund's "lost"

The foreign package holi-days industry is moving into a tough year with companies that are cutting prices in some cases slashing already badly reduced profit margins. Fears of collapses are growing.

The holicaymakers last

resort is the Air Travel Reserve Fund Agency whose chairman, Sir Kenneth Selby, yesterday reported £16.6m assets in the financial year ended March, 1983.

He said that to give the same financial safety net as when the fund was set up by the Government in 1975 after the Court Line/Clarksons collapse. it would need to have assets of

whether its funds would be adequate to meet future liabilities, particularly if there were another failure of a big operator, Sir Kenneth added. He sees tougher monitoring of tour operators and a new system of insurance cover as

key ways to tackle the problem. He said: "It is not only the relative size of the fund but the timing of demands on it. If the Laker/Arrowsmith companies, which failed in February, 1982, had failed three months after they did, and had continued to

the defence said that it had

Miss Calhaem, aged 57, a

retired business woman, is

alleged to have hired Julian

Zajac, a part-time private investigator, for £10,000 to murder Mrs Shirley Rendell,

aged 46, at her home in Yatton, near Bristol, last February.

Zajac, a foundery worker aged 29 who is serving a life

sentence for the murder, gave

evidence at Winchester Crown

Court on Tuesday and his cross-

examination was due to have

The trial was late in starting

and when it did resume, Mr George Carman, QC, for the

defence said: "Overnight certain

continued yesterday.

"certain important matters" to investigate.

A condition of tour oper-

ators' being licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority is that bonds are put up by the companies. Those are now worth £145m. Taken with the agency funds, the sum represented 9 per cent of tom perator turnover compared with 11 per cent in 1977.

If "inconceivably" the whole tour operator industry collapsed there would, with industry turnover this year at probably more than £2,000m be a potential of 10 million claims given the average spending on a holiday of £200 a person, Sir Kenneth said.

The Civil Aviation Athority bond could provide only £4.50 and the agency £1.80, leaving each customer £193.70 out of pocket.

But Sir Kenneth added: "I do not wish to raise fears among holidaymakers that if they lose their holiday they will not receive full compensation, even if the fund may be exhausted. I cannot believe that the Government would stand by and see that situation arise."

The aviation authority has said that imposing heavier bond obligations could make it too costly for new companies to enter the holiday field and force many of the present operators

 British Airways said yesterday that it will introduce its "Superclub" seats on all its 747 and Tri-Star services to the Caribbean next month. The seats, which give oin more trade at the level that they were continental flights from May 1.

He added that those matters

Mr Justice Stuart Smitth

agreed that further cross-exam-

ination should be delayed until

this morning. The trial con-tinued with other witnesses

being called and statements

Cheddar, Somerset, denies murdering Mrs Rendell. The

prosecution alleges she was

motivated by her love of her solicitor, Mr Kenneth Pigot,

aged 63, who was having an

The heaing was adjourned

Miss Calhaem, of The Link,

being read to the jury.

affair with Mrs Renell.

required urgent investigations

by his instructing solicitors.

Cross-examination of

killer delayed

Police go easy on cannabis

The police now tend to take a more lenient view of casual cannabis smoking, the Police Federation said yesterday.
Earlier, south Yorkshire
police said that first offenders caught in possession of small

amounts of cannabis were more likely to be cautioned than charged. Det Insp Colin Addison, head of the force's drugs squad,

said: "We have to examine which drugs have the most harmful addiction, such as heroin, amphetamines, and LSD." Cautioning first-time cannabis offenders where there was no suspicion of dealing released manpower to deal with the growing problem of hard

drugs.
Mr Tony Judge, a federation spokeman, said: "The police do not have the resources to control possession of cannabis. The law on possession is fairly unenforceable and it points to a growing lack of conviction that t is a sensible law." The courts did not regard casual smoking as a serious matter.

Railman stole credit cards

A British Rail guard who stole Access cards from mail bags and used them to buy £22,000 worth of goods was jailed for three years by Southend Crown court yester-

day.

Michael Ford, aged 38, of
Genesta Road, Westcliff-onSea, Essex, pleaded guilty to eight specimen charges of stealing postal packets containg Access cards to obtain a sapphire ring, and 102 video tapes. He asked for 489 similar offences to be considered.

Test tube triplets due soon

The trial of Kathleen Calhaen, important fresh matters which who is accused of hiring a man to murder a solicitor's wife, examination of Mr Zajac have took a new turn yesterday when come to light and into the Britain's first test tube baby triplets are due to be born within the next 10 days to a woman who does not wish to be

They are expected to be delivered by caesarean section this week or next, a spokesman for London's Cromwell hospital, where the embryos were implanted, said. The delivery will take place at an unnamed

Rapist jailed

Gerard Lacey, aged 25, an unemployed former soldier, of Macaulay Road, Clapham, south London, was jailed for nine years by the Central Criminal Court yesterday after being found guilty of rape, attempted rape, indecent assault, and robbery.

'Heath pictures' denied

Prime Minister

three children, whose former boy friend has pleaded not guilty to raping and assaulting her, said she had never met Mr Heath, or been photographed in indecent positions with men or children.

The man has asserted that the charges against him have been fabricated by the woman and the police. "He says they wish to muzzle his evidence to bring to book certain persons, includtwo children", the court has ring. The trial was adjourned been told by Mr Stephen until today.

A woman denied at Central Criminal Court yesterday that she had appeared in he found photographs showing a man he recognized as Edward another man he has named as a Det Sgt Wallace. Mr The woman, a mother of Heath has denied being in the alleged photographs.
The woman said in evidence

vesterday that, although the defendant had taken some pictures of her undressed, they were of her alone.

She said she had never been

photographed with det Sgt Wallace or had sexual inter-

course with him.

Cross-examined by the defendant, she denied ever seeing a briefcase in her home with the ing the woman, who he says initials "E.A.H." on it. She also appeared in pornographic denied his allegation that she photographs together with his had been part of a prostitution

ITV wants shared satellite with the BBC

By David Hewson

Britain's commercial television companies have decided that they want to resurrect the BBC's shelved satellite broadcasting system by sharing the costs and the three channels which it would offer.

The independent television companies have been involved in secret for weeks with the BBC about sharing the system and have approached the Independent Broadcasting Authority for permission to make formal approaches.

A senior independent tele-

vision executive said last night that it was envisaged that a shared satellite would offer one premium film channel, run jointly by both partners, and two channels each offering the best of BBC and the independent companies. All three channels would be available by subscription only.

"There is a firm belief among us that there is room for only one premium move chan-nel, which makes it commonsense for us to share the satellite", the executive said. This would enable us to keep ahead in technology and maintain our present standards of output."

Many of the companies would probably turn to outside finance to help pay for their share of the satellite costs, which would be about £160m in hardware over seven years. A key element in

companies' plans, however, will be to win the support of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, which will play a leading role in the future of a commercial satellite channel.

The companies are to press the authority to extend their broadcasting franchises, which are due to end in 1989, for an unspecified number of years to guarantee a return on their satellite investment. Without such an extension.

they believe that they would not be able to raise the money needed for the satellite scheme, or sufficient finance to become involved in the separate satellite channel which the authority already has in its gift.

A shared service is likely to appeal to the BBC, industry,

and sections of the Government that will see it as a way of resurrecting the ambitious BBC plan which was shelved on grounds of cost.

Joseph tells schools to improve

By Lucy Hodges

flighly critical reports of Baptist school in Coventry and an Orthodox Jewish school in east London, both independent by the school inspectors (HMIs) led Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, to demand vesterday that action be taken to improve matters.

The reports on the Coventry

Christian Academy and Talmud Machzikei Hadass School, in Hackney, published yesterday show serious deficiencies in the premises, accommodation and instruction offered at those schools.

Sir Keith has therefore, issued notices of complaint under Section 71 of the Education Act, 1944, requiring the proprietors to take remedia

At the Coventry school, set up in 1980 on the principles of the Accelerated Christian Education Inc of Louisville, Kentucky, the inspectors criticized the curriculum, as too narrow. When inspected there were

55 pupils, aged four to 17. The school had suffered a high turnover of pupils, and staff lacked teaching experience and expertise. At the Talmud Torah Mach-zikei Hadass School, where there were 248 boys aged 2 to 13

at the time of the inspection, the report says that there was not enough time for secular work. That ranged from four to six The report adds: "There is an

urgent need to allocate time to secular studies throughout the day, including mornings, so that the total hours a week can be raised to the normal minimum requirements of 15 hours for those above that age."

Cold cure plea

The Medical Research Council is urgently seeking healthy volunteers aged 18 to 50 to test anti-viral drugs against the common cold and inflenza viruses at the Common Cold Unit at Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Injured motor cyclist in ditch all night

motorway searching for him.

Mr Glenn Roberts aged 28, of left at about 10.15pm on has begun at Thames Valley Spencer's Wood, Reading, was Tuesday night after finishing his late shift.

Tuesday night after finishing his police were concerned that it police were concerned that it

motorway. His wife Karen became

was found at 6am yesterday by his family, who had spent all right driving up and down the motorway searching for him.

McGlenn Roberts and down the motorway searching for him.

McGlenn Roberts and 38 of the state of the state

the car at 100-yard intervals.

Mrs Doreen Smith, Mrs was so long before Mr Roberts Mr Roberts was taken to the

was transferred later to the again, in the end, they got out of specialist spinal injury hospital at Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire. His condition was

case is dismissed

A couple charged with planting a hoax bomb in the grounds of an old people's home just before it was to be opened by the Princess of Wales had their case dismissed yesterday after the police offered no evidence. Stuart Taylor, of Burton Road, and Susan Wood, of Hayscroft Road, both Withington, Greater Manchester, both aged 32, had spent 10 nights in custody over Christmas waiting for the case to be dealt with. They had always denied the offence.

Mr David Gandy, for the prosecution, said at Manchester Magistrates' Court that the police had been unable to trace a taxi driver who had telephoned them reporting the incident

The couple had pleaded guilty to stealing a plank of wood from a building site to use as firewood and possessing amphetamine sulphate.

Birthday error

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A message from the Queen arrived at the home in Goscote Lodge Crescent, Wallsall, West Midlands, home of Mr Fred Williams yesterday to congratulate him on his 100th birthday. Two days earlier Buckingham Palace had sent him a wedding message anniversary

Hoax bomb | Bus station plan for Marylebone

It would radically change the pattern of rail commuter services to Amersham, Avlesbury and High Wycombe, and would accelerate inter-city coach services into central London by up to an hour at peak times.

operating by 1987, would handle two thirds of the rapidly expanding inter-city coach traffic at present handled by Victoria coach station, and They were conditionally provide relief to congested streets around the coach station

Station into a cozeh terminal.

Marylebone, which could be

in Belgravia.

for Transport.

British Rail may well hesitate to strengthen the hand of a competitors by providing fast new coach route into central



The new coach terminal at

The scheme's future depends largely on British Rail, which refused to comment yesterday pending completion of their own study at the end of next month, and Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State

⇒ Q. Aylesbury

The National Bus company challenged British Rail's Inter-City and London commuter services yesterday with proposals to convert Marylebone The plan would be to turn the rail track out of the station into an express busway extending 10 miles west towards the M25 and M40.

> London. But it already wants to close Marylebone, and cut its losses of £750,000 a year on commuter routes out of it by working more closely with London Transport

The scheme could be worth several million pounds a year to BR if, as National Bus spenests, it retains ownership of the Marylebone site and develops it commercially as well as providing for a bus station development on it.
The National Bus study calculates that it would cost

only £10.3m to convert the

track to a busway, which would

yield substantial tolls for BR from coaches running over it. The plan has been prepared by the Joint Centre for Land Development Studies (a partnership between Reading University geography department, under Professor Peter Hall, and the College of Estate Management).

coach trips a year off existing The report appears to contradict a statement by Mr Ridley in the Commons on Monday that such a scheme would involve "great engineer-

It would take about 250,000

ing difficulties, especially if the tungel is too narrow for two Calculations by the consult-

ing engineers, Sir William Halcrow and Partners, who

About 4,200,000 passengers a year use the present Maryle-

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assisted with the study, show that two double-deckers could pass in opposite directions throughout the route except for a short pinch point at Hampstead where a one-way system would be operated but without difficulty or delay, National Bus said yesterday.

A motor cyclist lay freezing and badly injured beside the M4 for almost eight hours before he with the father. Mr Kenneth with her father, Mr Kenneth with the father with the

south of Reading. He was Roberts's mother, described the was found. suffering form severe spinal all-night search: "They drove Mr Roberts's mother, described the was found. injuries and exposure. His along the motorway between Royal Berkshire Hospital and motor cycle was lying in two junctions 12 and 11 time and feet of water hidden from the again, in the end, they got out of

"They knew that he had to be concerned when he failed to somewhere along the road and

Row over cancelled oil rig contract: talks demanded

means of other.

Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk East, Lab): In view of the state of the

Scottish economy, Mr Younger's

own work rate would not stand

much examination. Why, with his

record at Linwood, the Fort William

pulp mill and the Invergordon

smelter, should we believe in or

Mr Younger. Mr Ewing should know better than to take a selective view. He has good reason to thank

the Government for helping to bring

Wang to his own area. He ought to be a bit more even-handed in what

Buchan, C): It is only now in the death threes of Scott lithgow that

workers and managment have realized the desperate situation. The leadership is there, on this side of

and management is a categoric assurance that if there is any possibility of this yard being saved, they will give a guarantee to the Secretary of State that they will hold

to whatever agreement necessary to ensure the future of the yard.

Mr Younger: There has never

Scott Lithgow that if there are

been, and is not now, any difference between me and the representatives

What we want from workforce

Mr Alber McQuarrie (Bauff and

trust him to save jobs?

SCOTT LITHGOW

Amid bitter Labour criticism, anger and calls for his resignation because of the serious situation prevailing at the Scott Lithgow yard on the Lower Clyde following Britoil's decision in December to cancel its oil rig contract. Mr George Younger. Secretary of State for Scotland, said in the Commons that he would do anything he could to ensure, if it was possible, that the rig be completed on the Clyde by some means or

In noisy question time clashes, both Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland. and his predecessor and former Secretary of State, Mr Bruce Millan. called on Mr Younger to get Britoil and British Shipbuilders around the

Mr Younger replied that he would be more impressed if either of the Labour spokesmen had uttered one word of leadership to the Scott Lithgow workforce either to sign the working agreement or not to take part in the planned national strike. a year he had been warning everyone that this was likely to happen. He had been giving happen. He had been giving leadership; the only trouble was that oudly for those concerned to hear, understand and do anything about

Mr Michael Hirst (Strathkelvim. and Bearsden, C) began the exchanges that the CBI in Scotland shared the concern of the House and the Scottish people about the future of Scott Lithgow. The only practical solution now (he went on) appears to be the acquisition of this yard by an enterprise or consortium, whether United Kingdom or foreign, with expertise and commercial reputation to build sophisti-cated oil-related structures.

If he agrees, can he give an assurance that he and his ministers will do all in their power to enable the acquisition to take place and thus protect an important part of the Scottish industrial infra-struc-

Mr Younger: I entirely share his concern and that of other MPs at the extremely serious situation we have watched develop on the lower Clyde. I shall be only too willing to do anything I can to assist in ensuring that somehow, if possible, this great rig shall be completed on

Mr Roy Jenkins (Glasgow, Hil-lhead, SDP): Has he, in his discussions with the CBI or in his own mind, had clear indications as to what are the relative costs of the immediate closure of the yard on while on the other for Britoil to Mr Younger: It does not appear primarily to be a matter of cost. The calculation of the balance of cost

depends crucially upon what view British Shipbuilders take about the likely cost of completing the rig

Judicial

inquiry into

In the aftermath of the scandal

surrounding the Kincora children's

nome in Northern Ireland. Mr

James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is to set up a public inquiry under Judge William

Henry Hughes, a retired circuit

in a statement to the House of

Commons, Mr Prior said that the

report of the inquiry will be

He said: In 1981 five people who

had held positions of responsibility in homes and hostels for children

and young people in Northern

Ireland were sentenced to imprison-

ment for sexual offences against

those in their care. Following these

their investigations into a number

of outstanding matters, and the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster

Constabulary asked Sir George Terry, then Chief Constable of

Sussex, to investigate allegations about the way in which the police

had conducted their inquiries and to

continuing investigations.
The RUC have completed their investigations. Sir George Terry's inquiry has also been completed. He

nas conductes that the Noe were justified in not mounting a full investigation before they did, in 1980; that there had been no

concealment of evidence of a

of homosexual practices by officials or police officers; but that there were

of the homes or others; nor evide

duded that the RUC we

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suppliers. That is why they decided

Dr Norman Godman (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab): he mentioned confidence. When will he defend with conviction and principle the economic and social interests of the people employed at Scott Lithgow?

Mr Younger: As far back as last April I held the first of my meetings with all concerned. At that time I spelled out clearly that I was extremely concerned about the future of this contract. I am only sorry that there was no quicker response to the suggestions I then

Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhamp-ton South-West, C): When he meets the leaders of the Scottish CBI will he remind them that every time they ask for special privileges and get them there is a counter-reaction in the West Midlands?

Mr. Yannger: I share his proper concern for the West Midlands. Regional policy is a British, not a Scottish, policy. It has served Britain extremely well over the past 25 years, creating something like 100,000 new jobs in Scotland alone and something like 500,000 in Britain as a whole.

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan, Lab): Is it not clear that no third party will take over that yard except at public expense? The most obvious, direct and cheapest way of saving that yard is to get Britoil and British Shipbuilders into nego-tiation. If the Government stands back and does not intervene to bring that about, it will be conniving at the massacre of thousands of jobs

Mr Younger: He should be best placed to understand that this was a contract entered into perfectly freely between British Shipbuilders and Britoil. It had contract terms and clauses of the normal sort agreed freely between them.

For whatever reasons, during the contract the customer lost confidence in the ability of the firm to omplete the rig on time. It was the customer who terminated that normal commercial manner. (Loud

South, Lab): The only group in Scotland who do not understand that we are at the moment in a short action can solve the problem of colleagues in the Cabinet. Yet he has used the opportunity of this gap to insult the workers of

Scott Lithgow in the same way as the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, did a month before in the House. Mr Younger can lift his little finger just now and solve the problem. If he does not we shall

Mr Younger: For nearly a year I have been publicly and very obviously warning everyone that

any further prosecutions connected

with the affair.
The convictions in 1981 together

inquiry could be pursued without

the risk that it would have rendered

George Terry's inquiry has been thorough, and his conclusions, as

thorough, and his conclusions, as they bear on some of the wider

Although the extensive investi-gations which have been conducted

have produced no evidence that

would justify my asking the House

to approve an inquiry under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act

1921, the House will share my wish to be satisfied that every possible

step has been taken to ensure that there is no repetition of these

I propose accordingly to establish a public inquiry under the powers contained in Article 54 of the Health

and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 His

Ionour Judge Hughes, a retired

circuit Judge, has agreed to chair this inquiry. The names of the other members of the committee of

nquiry will be announced as soon

as possible.

The full terms of reference will enable the inquiry to examine the administration of children's homes

and young persons' hostels whose residents were subjected to homosexual misconduct led to disciplinary

action against members of staff; the extent to which those responsible

for residential care could have prevented the commission of such

acts or detected their occurrence

earlier, the implications for present procedures and practices within the

system of residential care; and to make recommendations with a view

to promoting the welfare of such children and young persons and

The committee of inquiry will be able to consider what more should be done. It will be for the committee

further prosecutions impos

allegations, are clear.

unhappy events.

ground existed which would justify | to determine its mode of operations

the only people who has given any leadership over the past months. The only trouble is that I did not give it sufficiently loudly for those concerned to hear, understand and do anything about it. Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposituation in that isolated section of

Millan: Connivance at

massacre of jobs

management side and the workforce

sition spokesman on Scotland (Glasgow, Garscadden, Lab): There is deep and justified anger in Scotland at the lamentable spectacle

and from whom it will seek evidence. It will be able to sit in

public kif it wishes.

Party in encouragement to the thousands of jobs are lost on the lower Clyde. Worse still, he is trying to cover his own glaring inadpeople concerned in Scott Lithgow to realize the seriousness of the situation. That is a disgraceful equacies by misconceived and tasteless attacks on the workforce commentary on their inability to take part in this important matter.

I have made it clear all along that whom he is trying to make the sole scapegoat for the whole catastrophe. I will do anything I can to try and

If Mr Younger had acted decisively there would not be any need to be scrambling around ensure, if it is possible, that this rig be completed on the Clyde by some looking for some sort of private

> If it is possible for a third party to come in and complete the contract, why is it not possible for British Shipbuilders to do it, given that they will have to fund the losses up-to-

> The minimum we ask the Government is that Mr Younger gets British Shipbuilders and Britoil round a table now and make sure there is not possibility missed of saving this contract, which is in the interests of the workers on the Lower Clyde and the interests of this country if it is to have a credible position in North Seaf technology.

> Mr Younger: I would be more impressed if Mr Dewar or his predecessor (Mr Bruce Millan) had uttered one word of leadership to the people concerned in Scott Lithgow in the past year either to sign the working agreement or not to go on the planned national strike. Not one word was there from the Labour Party about it.

> betweem myself and the workforce and management that there have no doubt been faults on both sides. While I share the great concern of everyone about this situation, I at least can claim to have shown leadership for nearly a year to put it right. I have had no support from

Mr Malcolm Bruce (Gordon, L) said loss of a major capacity in offshore technology which would result from closure of Scott Lithgow would take away all of the nation's ability to compete in this area.

It is difficult to conceive (he said) of a private buyer taking over a yard that Mr Younger, the Prime Minister and the Government have spent many months running down, condemning and rubbishing. This will not enable Scott Lithgow to maintain its proper place in oilfield

Mr Younger agreed that to lose entirely the capability for building all these forms of oil-related structure would be a retrograde step. has been clear that there was grave danger of the present situation

happening
At least Mr Bruce and his colleagues (he said) can claim to have taken some chance of leadership and said something constructive to try to persuade people to be sensible. It is a pity that the official Opposition did not join Anna McCurley (Renfrew,

West and Inverciyde, C) said the Government had done all it could

HOUSE OF LORDS

Britain depended on a Victorian

infrastructure which was a remark-

able acheivement when constructed

a century ago but was now badly in

repairs and patching up here and there, Lord Cledwyn of Pearhos

He was opening a debate calling attention to the urgent need to

modernize and improve the UK's infrastructure, including the trans-

port system, other means of communication, drainage and water supply systems, and housing. He said Britain was looking tarty,

run down and ill cared for. The

run down and in calculations severage system was deteriorating and must be dealt with urgently if collanses were to be avoided. The

cost of maintaining the road system now took one quarter of the total

roads budget compared with about

(Lab) said in House of Lords.

Government urged to

rebuild Britain



McQuarrie: Workforce should give guarantee

financially. Over £100m had gone to Scott Lighgow to shore it up. The only ultimate saving of Scott Lithgow was to take it away from its present management and put it into private hands.

Mr Younger Not only has the Government been trying to per-suade everyone to do everything between supplier and contractor, it help to keep the contract going -£13,000 per man employed.

It is necessary to see if there is a way of building up a management for this contract which will carry the conviction and confidence of the person who is to buy it - Britoil. We will do all we can to help to that end. Mr Roy Jenkins: I do not agree with these routine insults against him. Having known several Secretaries of State in operation against Chancel-lors and other people, and given the appalling economic climate in appalling economic climate in which he has had to operate, he has not done too badly (Labour interruptions) – but unless Mr Younger takes a constructive initiative to bring Scott Litingow and Britoil together, he will put a slur on what he has done. He should not have to the constructive to strike a conmiss the opportunity to strike a real blow for good.

Mr Younger: I am grateful for that. The House is always quick in general to detect someone who has

the integrity to speak the truth.

I appreciate that it is up to me and my colleagues to do all we can to help in this serious situation. I do not think there was any way in which the existing contract, as it stood, could have been rescued after

the trouble it had got into.
But I assure him that we will do all we can to see if anything can be re-created in the area.

Mr Dewar asked Mr Younger why he had not recognized Mr Jenkins' integrity at the Hillhead election. The validity of his last remarks (he continued) and the judgment in them we perhaps shown by the long faces on the Liberal and SDP

benches as he spoke.

On the future of the oil related industries (he said) we are worried about our credibility. But it does not help to have the Secretary of State making the kind of compariso have heard, between the Scottish workforce and coolies recruited from the paddy fields of Korea.

Mr Younger. He has not read what I said. I was making the point that if it was possible, as it clearly is, for ures of this kind to be made by people in such places as Korea, surely it is inconceivable that people



Flip joint: Lucky, a 400lb turtle, recovering in Iswamorrada Florida, after Dr Patrick Barry (left) and Dr Robert Foley gave him a pair of artificial flippers costing £140,000. His own were bitten off by a shark.

Peking to downgrade talks on Hongkong

Peking (Reuter) - A new lower-ranking official will head China's team at talks with Britain next week on the father of Hongkong, a Foreign Minis try spokesman said yesterday. An assistant foreign minister Mr Zhou Nan, will replace the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Yao Guang

"It is a normal change Zhou Nan is one of the leading members of the Foreign Minis. try and has always been involved in the descussions, therefore he is very family with every aspect of the talk the spokesman said.

Britain will also have a new delegation leader, the Ambass. dor, Sir Richard Evans, who arrives in Peking today to succeed Sir Percy Cradock, Sir Percy has returned to London to oversee policy over the colony, which China says it will take back by 1997.

"The change in both heads is sheer coincidence. China attaches great importance to the talks," the Chinese spokesman said.

Mr Zhou has never attended the talks but is believed to have been involved behind the scenes. Western diplomats said Britain was notified of Mr Yao's replacement and accepted the

Nigeria after the coup: Part 3

Next move in the power game

Nigeria, Kenneth Mackenzie examines the future impli-cations of the seizure of power by (Buhari. Mohammed General

If General Buhari's Government survives without falling victim to a coup, the next problem will be: bow to hand over power? And to whom?

There are no easy answers. In 1979 the military Government of General Obasanjo took infinite care; years of considering constitutions, the banning of the more compromised politicians and meticulously supervised elections.

But the result was failure. One of the senior men of the Obasanjo regime described the period of democratic government under President Shehu Shagari as "the worst disaster Nigeria has seen since independence".

He is General Theophilus Danjuma, who was Chief of Army Staff under General Obasanio and now runs a shipping company. In an interview General -Danjuma said he had often pondered about what they had done

"I think we were too naive," he said. "We trusted the civilians." They worried about the generation that had let the new generation proved even

General Danjuma agreed that corruption had always been part of Nigerian life, and that the previous military regimes had not been free of it. But before it had been "subtle. modest in amount". With President Shagari's Government came the "aggressive parsait of corrupt money by ministers and officials alike, and the reckless display of corrupt acquisitions".

What could be done next

time? Speaking personally, he wondered if there was not something to be learnt from the pre-colonial British example of

In other words, could not the military give a new lot of civilians a trial period, which would allow them to weed out Other Nigerians have sim-

pler hopes; a brisk period of effective and honest govern-ment from General Buhari which ends before the public have tired of military rule (as they did in 1979, after 13 years corrupted (as it had by 1979). Many Nigerians think there

is nothing wrong with the present constitution. Trouble arose because the Shagari Government did not allow the checks and balances to operate, and did not hold free and fair Others claim that something

much cheaper and simpler must be devised; something that did not create a class of privileged legislators but kept the ordinary people in touch and involved. That would require much thought and A more difficult question is:

How can future cours be



General Danjuma: We trusted the civilians'.

more difficult by General Buhari's assumption that he had the right to take ever, because be had the power to take over. Every coup makes another coup more likely.

General Danjuma recalled that the 1979 constitution has a clause forbidding coups and promising punishment. That was of no belp. If it were to be taken seriously, it would simply mean that no military govern-ment would be willing to hand over power again.
In fact, there could be no

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guarantees. But General Danuma expressed doubts about whether the military really had the power to take over if there were solid civilian opposition. He recalled that during the

failed anti-Murtala coup of 1976, there had been pro-Murtala crowds thronging the streets before the final antrone was clear. During the anti-Shagari coup there had been crowds dancing in the streets, even in kis home state (

General Obasanjo, in hand-ling over to President Shagari in 1979, was bouest enough to say that whether the soldiers returned depended not on the military leadership but on what the civilians did.

In other words, the only military coup is an effective civilian government. It will be General Buhari's difficult task to work out how yet another try at effective civilian government can be mounted.

There is a celebrated quotation from Henry Ha (writing about Cromwell): "It is armed force to destroy government: but something else

not in general difficult for sa han the sword is required to This should be inscribed in

pokerwork and hung above the desk of Generi Bahari. Next to the one which says: "Power tends to corrupt."

Vietnamese Kashmir riots designed shot dead to undermine state by Chinese

Peking (Reuter) - China said esterday that frontier guards had shot dead seven armed ietnamese who had crossed into China to commit provo-The official People's Daily

said nine Vietnamese had slipped into Funing county, in eastern Yunnan province, on Saturday and had fired at peasants working in the fields. Frontier guards retaliated, killing seven intruders, the report said. The other two Vietnamese escaped. .
The incident is the latest in a

string of Vietnamese "provocations" reported here this month. On Saturday the People's

Daily said Vietnamese troops armed with machine guns and rifles had recently attacked border villages in six counties in Yunnan and neighbouring Guangxi. The border area has been

tense since early 1979, when the two countries fought a short, bloody war after Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia. BANGKOK: Thai Marines and Vietnamese forces twice

clashed inside Thailand at the weekend, military sources said yesterday as a parliamentary delegation left for Hanoi in an attempt to improve relations between the two countries (Reuter reports). The sources added that fierce

fighting between the Vietnamese and Cambodian guerrillas broke out yesterday in the same area but just inside Cambodia. They said the first incident

occurred on Saturday when about 50 Vietnamese entered Klonyai district in Trad province and fought a 45-minute

From Michael Hamlyn, Deihi

Widespread political violence succeed, and eventually was

causing a number of deaths, injuries and arrests has broken out in the sensitive border state of Jammu and Kashmir. The violence is part of a big offensive which, according to some critics, has been undertaken by Mrs Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party to unseat, or at least fatally to weaken the governments of those states ruled by opposition parties. This is bound to be

election year and control of state governments is a powerful factor in determining the outcome of the hustings. Not only do the local politicians have the ability to provide those inducements to electors that persuade them to vote provision of water taps, roads, bousing, etc - but they also have their hands on the mechanics of the election, and access to funds for literature, equipment and transport. Accordingly those states

which seem weakest are being carnestly undermined, and the most prominent at present is Jammu and Kashmir. The attack on the state government there is twofold. On the one hand there is a concentrated effort to seduce away from the ruling National Conference members of the Legislative Assembly who might join an alliance with the Congress opposition.

The hopes centre on Mr G. M. Shah, the brother-in-law of the Chief Minister, Dr Faroog Abdullah. Mr Shah, in fact a more seasoned politician than Dr Abdullah, was expected to succeed as Chief Minister when the old "Lion of Kashmir" Shaikh Abdullah, gave up the reins of the state. He disappointed when the late Shaikh named his son to

expelled from the National Conference along with a number of his allies.

The second prong of anack plans to show that the state

government is unable to control law and order, the aim being to enforce the imposition of President's rule, the suspension of the local authorities, and direct control from the centre.

To this end members of the Congress (I) are carrying out massive demonstrations, court-

ation by the security forces. These demonstrations came to a head when police opened fire on demonstrators in 12 villages in the Kashmir valley at the weekend. According to Congress

spokesmen nine people were killed. According to the state authorities three people were Another 500 were hurt, 28 of them seriously. Congress spokesmen also claim that 3,000 members of the party have been arrested.

The incidents have provoked another outburst of Congress (1) violence in another opposition ruled state, West Bengal, There one of the brighter and most prominent young Congress leaders, Mr Priya Ranjan Dasmunshi, was arrested after a crowd threw stones at the car in which Dr Abdullah was leaving Calcutta after an opposition

meeting. The next day Congress demonstrators set up road barricades and burnt buses, and provoked a police reaction which resulted in two more deaths. A further set of demonstrations is planned for Calcutta. Meanwhile in Kashmir the National Conference is planning a general strike in the

shortcomings as regards the ad-ministration of the child welfare services. The Director of Public Prosecutions has considered all the papers and concluded that no Bill to abolish standing

charges

ENERGY

The high level of standing charges for electricity, gas and telephones raised fears that those on fixed incomes, particularly pensioners, might try to make further economies on essentials such as heating Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP) said when given leave to introduce a Bill to abolish standing charges.

He said standing charges were now a major source of income for the nationalized industries, having shot up rapidly since 1977. The Government had required the gas and electricity industries to raise their charges above what was needed for commercial reasons which made the standing charges an insidious form of flat rate taxation

Mr John Weils (Maidstone, C) said it was with sorrow he had to oppose the Bill, but he did so because such Bills were seized on by the media and blown up out of all oportion and many people mpletely misunderstood what had

Tenants' right to buy rule to be changed

SCOTLAND

Council tenants in Scotland who applied to buy their houses and found that, before their applications were accepted, the purchase price could decrease because of extra discount being offered are to have the same rights as tenants in England to withdraw their offers to buy and make fresh ones.

Mr Michael Ancram, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, moved a new clause to the Tenants' Rights Etc (Scotland) Amendment Bill, on report in the Commons, to remove the provision that if an application to buy is withdrawn no fresh application could be made for

He said that the new clause of the Tenants' Rights Act making that provision which had been made to deter frivolous applications which tenants might be tempted to make to find out the selling price of completely misunderstood what had their house when they had no happened. It would not become law.

The Bill was read a first time.

The bill was read a first time.

problem there.

The new clause was agreed to. Mr Ancram also moved a ner Mr Ancram also moved a new clause to give islands councils the right to refuse; with the agreement of the Secretary of State, houses tenanted by teachers and other school employees in remote places where they would have difficulty otherwise in finding accommodation for correspondent. dation for new employees.

This approach, he said, was similar to that already used for houses specially adapted to the needs of disabled people.

Another new clause provided that an islands council should be able to apply to a court for possession of a house tenanted by a teacher and required for educational purposes.

The new clause was approved.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on housing benefit Nottinghamshire County Council Bill. Lords (3): Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, second reading. Town and Country Planning Bill, Town and Country Planning

RUC and Sir George Terry, taken with edecision of the Director of allegations of misconduct and of widespread disquiet. No other widespread disquiet, No other misconduct and of widespread disquiet, who other misconduct and of widespread disquiet. No other misconduct and of widespread disquiet, who other misconductions will be misconduct and of widespread disquiet. No other misconductions will be misconducted and of widespread disquiet. evidence justifying prosecution will emerge, the Attorney General has undertaken to give immunity from would incriminate a witness in of offences -such counselling procuring or soliciting.
The inquiry will have power to subpoena evidence in Northern Ireland and its report will be

I believe that this inquiry will enable such lessons as there are to be learnt and acted upon, provide the best basis on w there can be confidence in the future in the provision made in homes and for children and young

Mr Peter Archer chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, asked what reasoning had led Mr Prior to exclude an inquiry under the 1921 Act, at first sight the most obvious method. asked whether witnesse

would be granted physical protection if they requested it. Mr Prior said he felt a 1921 Act inquiry was not justified because none of the allegations investigated by the Terry report and by the police had suggested to him that it was a matter which would justify such an

inquiry. The Salmon report said that the 1921 Act should only be used in very exceptional cases and that was not justified in this case, particularly as the manner of the inquiry and the terms of reference, with an experienced judge, as they had been able to obtain, would give oppor-tunity for all matters relevant to what had happened in the boys' homes over the years and the innuendo surrounding the affair to

be properly examined. If witnesses asked for physical protection it would be given by the

one tenth in the mid-1970s and that was a frightening increase. Most of the rail structure was built in the last century yet the Government was squeezing its investment budget. The failure to a coherent transport policy and achieve the right balance between road and rail was one of the tragedies of post-war Britain.

Cledwyn: Britain tatty.

run-down and uncared for

The Government had a dismal record on housing which was an essential part of the infrastructure. The relationship between local authorities and Government had It was esential to have a coordinated plan to improve the nfrastructure. Real economic and industrial revival depended on that. A recovery should be preceded by a measured and sustained growth in

construction activity. Planned

both reasonable and necessary. He did not believe it would be dangerously inflationary if it was properly planned.

The Prime Minister need not make a U-turn, only a slight veering towards common sense. The Government must help rebuild Lord Erra (L) said it was quality and not quantity that was important and Britain should have an infrastruc-

ture second to none.

the private sector would be interested in supporting public sector investment. The Government should take a more creative approach to the problem of providing the necessary funds to improve the essential quality Britain's infrastructrue.

behind the times.

There were many ways in which

Lord Nugent of Guildford (C) said the debate was a siren song, but the total cost of doing what was suggested on any significant scale is normous. Experience tells us that this prescription does not work. It should be possible to set up

large scale programmes to carry out all these desirable improvements and it was a serious criticism of the economic structure of the country that nobody has been able to find a way of mounting a large scale programme of public work which was not self-defeating. Lady White (Lab) said she would

like to know if the Government had done anything to decelerate the decline since *The Times* reported on "crumbling Britain" nearly two years ago.
Many universities were finding it

difficult to maintain their crumbling structures. For instance, Imperial College had great pieces of wall falling off some higher buildings. Lord Sherfield (Ind) said anybody who walked to work had a constan reminder of the deterioration in the reminder of the deterioration in the infrastructure as they tripped over the inequalities in the London pavements. Only sheer luck had brought him to his place today,

having recently escaped a devastat-ing fall from such a cause.

There were no adequate maps of the underground sewerage system but it was estimated to be 130,000 miles long, with 15 per cent of it built over 100 years ago. Estimates suggested that £310m a year needed to be spent just to keep the system

in its present state.
In America, toll roads financed the necessary road resurfacing but he was sure attempts to introduce a similar system in Britain would meet many objecch a negative attitude was tions. Such and helpful.

Lord Elystan-Morean (Lab) said for too long there had been a tendency to take the infrastructure for never ocen so insecure or lacking in to take the immastracture for confidence. Local authorities were granted, People seemed to say as the inhibited from expanding their system had functioned tolerable building programmes under this Government because they were afraid their finances would be trut.

It was a control to be true. efficient way for some decades to come. Such complacency had been totally invalidated.

The roads, railways and sewers which were the very sinues of Britain's economic and social life. had developed piecemeal and in a haphazard way in the past 150 years. Even where planning had aken place, it was likely that the targets aimed at were now unrealistic for the uses being made of those services today.

Rate capping Bill The Rates Bill, which introduces the

system of rate capping and compel-local authorities to consult industrial and commercial ratepayers on their budget and rating proposals, was read a second time The sewerage system, for in-stance, was pioneered by Britain in 247 - Government majority, 99. battle with the Marines.

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Bonn minister fails to appease critics over general's sacking

Herr Manifed Worner, the Desence Minister, dismissed General Gunter Kiessling, the West German Deputy Commander of Nato, because he no longer had trust in him, he told a crucial meeting of the all-party parliamentary defence com-

mittee yesterday.

The embattled minister said the general's alleged homosexuality and visits to homosexual bars in Cologne were not in themselves the reasons for his enforced retirement in Decem-ber, But because of the particu-lar milieu and the criminal elements associated with it, he had become a security risk, and the security of the Federal Republic came above any personal interests of those concerned. He had no choice

therefore but to dismiss him. His keenly awaited half-bour statement fell far short of the comprehensive explanation many politicians, especially the Social Democratric opposition. has been demanding. SPD members said Herr Worner had not produced any proofs but only hinted at the grounds fore

The Cabinet esterday discussed once more the affair. which Chanceller Kohl insisted had to be cleared up once and whether a general had any take.

particular inclination, but only whether he was a security risk. The Ministry of Defence was not a court, nor was the general being accused of anything.

In his 14-page statement, Herr Worner spoke of his "difficult and bitter decision." which was all the harder as it concerned a person he had known for a long time. He said he had never himself raised the issue of homosexuality, but on the contrary had tried to avoid damage to the general's repu-

Outlining the sequence of events. Herr Worner said military intelligence had first been tipped off about the general on July 27 last year and had ordered an investigation had ordered an investigation. Herr Worner had been informed on September 14 that General Kiessling had been seen in two bars, and the following day he had confronted him with the evidence.

The general. Herr Worner continued, had denied any homosexual contacts and gave his word of honour. He then refuted charges about visiting the bars but without being specific. He later told the General-Inspector of the Bundeswehr that he had once for all and again in which they admitted everything in a diffiinsisted that it was not up to the cult situation in the past, and Ministry of Defence to decide would never repeat this mis-

Herr Worner said he had agreed with General Kiessling on September 19 that he would report sick, and leave his post at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. But the ministry was later informed that the general had been seen in public and also in uniform, which did not tally with official reports of sickness. He had warned him about this on the telephone on October 25. The Military Intelligence Service had then

Hinting that General Kiessling had also been in contact with the homosexual scene in Berlin, Herr Worner said that he had asked for a special identity card with a false name for his trips to Berlin, which he was given in July, 1982, and which was later taken away

urgently called for a removal of

Such a pass could only be given for intelligence purposes, and the general's further applications for this had been turned down because he could not prove he needed it on business. Herr Worner called the application "unusual". Herr Worner said he had tried to spare West Germany,

its Army and its allies this "spectacle", which had begun with the first press reports in January. But he believed he could not have acted otherwise.

Kyprianou spells out his Cyprus solution

By Edward Mortimer

This is the time for an overall solution" of the Cyprus problem, according to President Kypriancu of Cyprus, who saw Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey. Howe, the Foreign Secretary, at Number Ten yesterday. He explained to the Prime Minister at length and in detail" the framework for an overall solution which he submitted in New York last week to the United Nations Secretary-General, Senor Javier Pèrez de Cuellar.

The contents of this "framework" have not been made public, but Señor Pérez de Cuéllar is understood to have had preliminary discussions on them both with President Evren of Turkey and with Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, in separate meetings in Casablanca on Tuesday. All three men were there for the commission of the leader to the leader to the leader to the commission of the leader to the commission of the leader to the lea opening of the Islamic summit.

Mr Kyprinou told The Times yesterday, however, that the document contains two important innovations in the Greek Cypriot position: "We indicate the maximum on the territorial aspect we can go, which we never did in the past, and we indicate quite clearly that we are ready to agree to much more extensive powers for the local governments, for the two administrations.

The Turkish Cyptions, who declared their own republic in the north of the island last November, have long argued

minimal powers.

Mrs Thatcher with Mr Kyprianou outside Number 10 for a federal solution giving should have a region corremaximum autonomy to the two sponding more closely to their proportion of the population separate communities, each in

its own region, with the central Kyprianou confirmed government enjoying only vesterday that he could not meet Mr Denktas so long as the The Greek Cypriot position has been that there should be a latter styled himself President of strong federal government to the "Turkish Republic of ensure the unity of the island, Northern Cyprus' since this and that the Turkish Cypriots would imply recognition.

(18 per cent).

Salvadorean rebels give Reagan choice

Salvadorean rebels leaders took 1.757 prisoners-of-war have said here that President who were allegedly set free Reagan faces two alternatives in unharmed; and captured 3,511 1984: to send the Marines into rifles from the Army. FI Salvador or to negotiate for

At a news conference on Tuesday four insurgent representatives said that the past 2 months had seen a dramatic shift in the military balance of power in El Salvador. They beleved that plans in Washington for increased military aid to the Salvadorean Government would do little to revive the Army's flagging morale.

"The total collapse of the Army draws nearer every day", Commander Ana Guadalupe Martinez, the chief spokesman of the FMLN, the rebels military wing, stated.

The rebels supplied journalists with figures which, if correct explain the Salvadorean Army low spirits.

The insurgents killed or wounded 7,282 soldiers in 1983. a figure which tallies roughly with that provided by the Salvadorean Defence Ministry. Further the rebels claim they

Oslo to help Sandinistas

Norway is likely to begin ance to any Latin American substantial economic assistance country. to Nicaragua after a study tour to Mexico. Nicaragua and Costa Rica by a dozen MPs

The aid package, which is likely to total about £36m annually, would represent the first direct Norwegian assist-

speeded up during the elections will allow the guerillas space to operate freely in the country-side," said Señor Zamora, a leader of the insurgent FDR movement's political wing.

As to Washington's much publicized recent attempt to check the activities of El Salvador's right-wing death squads, Señor Zamora saidwas "window dressing."

According to the rebels, the

recent destruction of a key

bridge in eastern El Salvador

and the destruction of an

important army base have put

the Salvadorean military on the

Commander Martinez said

only one bridge was preventing the rebels from controlling the

whole eastern third of the

The rebel leaders did not

deny that they proposed to sabotage presidential elections scheduled for March 25 but

asserted that their current

military momentum would be

speeded up during the elections

defensive.

From Martha Honey, San Jose, Costa Rica

Mr Arne Skauge, a senior Conservative Party official who initially opposed Norwegian aid to Nicaragua, said in an interview here that he now believed very strongly that Managua was providing social benefits to its people.

French police chief sacked over hijack

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Last week's hi-jacking by French farmers of two British lorry drivers has prompted President Mitterrand to issue a solemn warning against all violations of public order and has led to the dismissal of the prefect in the department where the hijacking took place.

Speaking at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. M Mitterrand said: "The state will not tolerate intemperate behaviour from anyone. I will not accept that such behaviour take place without consequences, and when the law itself is called into question, severe action

must be taken" Although the President did not refer to any specific situation, M Max Gallo, the government spokesman, told reporters afterwards that M Mitterrand was referring to violations of public order, such as kidnapping foreign citizens or holding an armed demon-

M Gallo's second reference Corsica on Saturday organized by the outlawed FLNC Corsican separatist movement on the occasion of the funeral of one of their members who blew himself up with his own bomb. A "guard of honour", composed of six hooded FLNC militants, fired an IRA-style over the coffin at the graveside as the police looked on impotently.

NI Gallo also announced, without comment, the Cabinet's decision to replace M Pierre North as prefect for the Orne department in Normandy, where the two British lorries carrying British lamb were hijacked by French farmers a

The Government has also taken measures to protect the law in the Robert Buolin affair. M Robert Badinter, the Justice Minister who used to be the Boulin family lawyer, has announced that he is to sue the late minister's family for libel after they accused the Versailles public prosecutor of deliberately trying to cover up the true causes of Robert Boulin's death.

The official verdict is that the former Cabinet Minister committed suicide after being implicated in a dubious prop-erty deal. His family, who originally strongly supported that view, now insist that he was murdered "for political reasons". Robert Boulin's son claims he saw his father shortly before his death with a dossier, marked "strictly confidential", relating to the ELF oil company "sniffer aircraft"



M Mitterrand: 'Severe action must be taken'

The EEC presidency

France hints British budget not a priority

to the European Parliament in Strasbourg the hopes and ambitions of France as it assumes the presidency of the EEC's Council of Minsters for

the next six months. The speech was remarkable there for what it did not say than for what it said. The British budget problem was dealt with in just 12 lines of the 29-page text and those lines contained the suggestion, wor-ring to Britain, that France does not regard it as essential to find

Consideration of the constraint of the constrain

a permanent solution. "There is a problem and it must be dealt with, at least for a certain period" he said. "An agreement on guidelines appears to be emerging, but the positions of members states are still far apart. The presidency and the Commission will endeavour, as is their duty, to bring the positions together and

find a compromise. certain period, slipped into the speech almost casually, which indicates that France is still not convinced of the need for a solution which lasts as long as revolution. the problem and which Britain insists must be found.

talking about the other subject

Spain and Portugal. would-be member-states. These were that the "just interests" on both sides were taken into account and that the Community itself had resolved its internal quarrels.

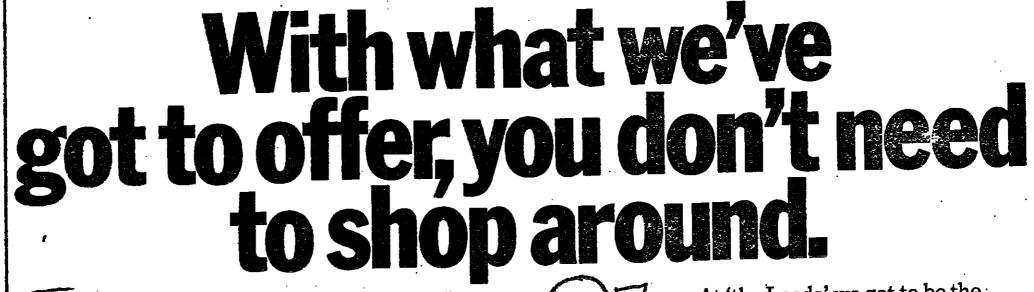
In a speech heavy with European idealism M Claude times subsidiary and often Byzantine internal disputes" had meant that the EEC had been unable to defend its been unable to defend its interests against its principal

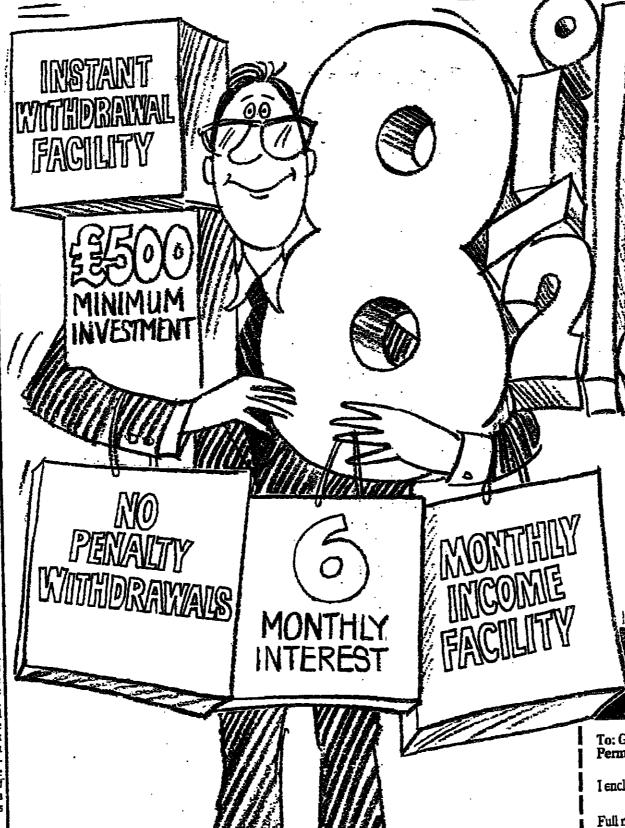
rading partners.
"We are now compelled to accept that Europe does not today occupy at either the political or economic level the place which could and should belong to it on the international scenc. Worse still, in the last few vears, we have lost ground."

But his speech was not specific on how France means to organize matters to resolve the problems. Reform of the agricultural policy, he said. must take account of "social realities"; in other words, the living standards of peasant farmers had to be protected. It would be "necessary" to introduce taxes linked to both the production and import of agricultural products - an idea which the United States has

said could provoke a trade war. M Cheysson pointed out that It is the phrase "at least for a there were no arguments in the Community about the future. Everyone was agree on the need for a European dimension to face up to the present industrial

Sir Henry Plumb, leader of the Conservative group of M Cheysson spent more time MEPs was "encouraged" by M Cheysson's speech. But he took facing the Community under the presidency: that of regotiating the membership of regotiating the membership of the opportunity of ramming home in the debate Britain's case that agriculture must take He spelled out two conditions and that Britain must only be to end the "state of expectancy asked to pay a "modest" share and uncertainty" in the two of the cost of running the Community. He added wearily: "This fact will not prevent certain members in this house from misrepresenting and then criticizing our views in this





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From Roger Boyes Warsaw

After a great deal of hesitation and commercial dealing, the Polish authorities have decided to show the film The Day After on television. It will be its first showing in a communist country.

The Polish press said yesterday that the two-hour film, depicting the devastation of a nuclear exchange between the superpowers, would be shown on January 26. It was "based on one of the possible options of development in the international situation". The film has many sensitive scenes for a socialist audience, including the announcement that the East German Army had mutinied.

Negotiations with the American Broadcasting Corporation began last November, with the US side asking for \$6,000 (about £4,300), a small sum by Western standards but much larger than Polish television usually pays for films.

This was a stabling block. and there was some unhappiness, too, that the Americans should insist on monitoring the translated transcript to ensure that there were no cuts.

In the first phase of negotations, the film was shown privately to various audiences including members of the Polish general staff, members of the Government including Mr Stefan Olszowski, the Foreign Minister and party officials.

The talks came to a halt before Christmas - the Polish side insists that this was not because of a desire to censor the film - but were resumed shortly afterwards,

"Both sides really wanted the deal to go ahead", one person close to the negotiations said. "ABC wanted it to be shown in a communist country to show that the nuclear issue could be raised there, too, and the Poles wanted to broadcast it. It was just a matter of striking the correct financial

• Underground raided: Nine people were arrested in raids on underground printing centres and thousands of copies of ilicgal publications were seized, the official press said yesterday (Reuter reports).

Three men and two women were held in Szczecin after police uncovered a printing shop and two press distribution centres run by Solidarity. In Lodz, four people were arrested and copies of a publication and printing equipment were seized. peaceful policies, as did those

Romania against the deploy-

Europe has brought an angry

London was told recently by the

Foreign Office of its extreme

venture on a matter of direct

to announce plans next week to

build a manned space station to

orbit the Earth with permanent, rotating crews of astro-

nauts, according to a press

report here.

The Washington Post quoted unnamed White House officials

as saying that the President would make the proposal in his

state of the union address next

week. There was no immediate

comment on the story by White

House and Pentagon spokes-

ing to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration the

initial funding for the space station that would be orbited in

1991 or 1992 could amount to

\$100m (£70m) in the 1985

budget. But the funding would

St Petersburg, Florida (AP) -

A new drug for treatment of

strokes has produced dramatic reversal of paralysis and other

lamage in some people who eccived it within 24 hours of

scientifically controlled 1976, earned of the drug, called Nobel prize.

the attack, a researcher says.

The report said that accord-

Minister, and addressed to zone.

Manned space station

project 'imminent'

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

subsequent few years.

The space station would be

made of a series of linked

modules carried into space by

the shuttle. It would house up

as a science laboratory, astro-

nomical observatory, space

manufacturing centre, serving

facility for spacecraft and an

assembly site for larger orbit-

The newspaper said that the estimated \$8bn to \$20bn cost of the station had provoked intense opposition in the Administration and among estimation. The Defence Department of the property of the station of the station

scientists. The Defence Depart

ment, the Central Intelligence

Agency and some others either oppose construction of the

prostacyclin, has begun only

recently, but in early trials with

eight patients, four showed

improvement, according to Dr Frank Yatsu of the University

of Texas Health Science Centre

1976, earned its discoverers the

Brazil fears drought will kill millions

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Prostacyclin, discovered in

ing structures.

Nasa wants the space station

to eight men and women

President Reagan is expected increase rapidly over the

Hope for stroke victims

The Greek Ambassador in

protest from Britain.

ment of nuclear missiles in

The Stockholm summit: Russia says slide to abyss can be stopped



Face to face: Mr Andrei Gromyko, left, confronts Mr George Shultz across a table at the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm

of the Soviet Union's United

Nations initiative "resolutely

He called for the Stockholm

conference to support such other Soviet "confidence build-

ing measures" as a non-ag-gression pact and an agreement

on a nuclear weapons freeze.

nuclear-free zones and an agreement on "no first use" of

nuclear weapons; all initiatives largely expected by the West and which are unlikely to attract

much enthusiasm from Nato

But he also went on to outline

would be supported by the

Russians and which sounded

not unlike those contemplated

He was seeking to extend those measures already agreed

in Helsinki nine years ago. "For example the prior notification

of major military manocuvres

could be further developed. Agreement to limit the scale of

such manoeuvres to a certain

numerical strength of the forces engaged would also be quite

But Mr Gromyko added this warning: "Should anyone think of using this conference in a bid

to gain unilateral advantage of

any kind this would encounter

condemning nuclear war".

Force of Gromyko attack Jordan opts on US shocks delegates

From Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent, Stockholm

By starting the deployment of cruise and Pershing 2 nuclear missiles in Western Europe, the United States had made further negotiations pointless, Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, warned the foreign ministers of 35 nations here vesterday at the Conference on Disarmament in Europe. The blame for disrupting the East-West dialogue lay with Washington.

"A perilous slide towards the abyss can be arrested provided that the states participating in this forum adopt a responsible approach. Should the United States and other Nato countries display readiness to return to the situation that existed before the commencement of the deployment of US mediumrange nuclear missiles in Europe, the Soviet Union will be prepared to do likewise."

But as even Mr Gromyko cannot believe that there is much chance of the Americans withdrawing the missiles they have only just based in Europe, in return for an agreement with Moscow of the kind which they have already rejected, his speech must be seen as a blow to those who have been hoping for an early resumption of the Geneva arms talks.

It was a speech which called for an end to present tension and for the pursuance of

made by President Reagan in Washington and by Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, here in Stockholm on Tuesday. But it was also full of rhetoric directed against the present US Administration with a force which surprised even the most hard-headed diplomats.

"The present US Administration is thinking in terms of war and is acting accordingly. New missiles, bombers and aircraft are being churned out in some kind of pathological obsession. New means of mass destruction are being experimented with.

"The land of Lebanon is a number of practical confi-dence building measures which trampled by the soldier's boot of some of those states whose representatives are seated in this hall. A US naval armada is shelling Lebanese cities at by the West. point-blank range. The US war machine is sowing death and destruction there."

The current statements by the US Administration as to its readiness for negotiations against the background of the continuing deployment of missiles are a verbal cover-up for its policies". Mr Gromyko said in an obvious reference to President Reagan's own Washington

The Soviet Foreign Minister attacked Mr Reagan for his policies in Nicaragua, and the piratical act of terrorism" in Grenada and went on to make the most of American rejection

for the hard line

From Christopher Walker

The new Jordanian Govern ment, appointed last week by King Husain, has ruled out any discussion of principles in-volved in the Reagan peace plan until Washington secures a freeze on Israeli settlements in the West Bank and a complete Israeli withdrawal from Leba-

This stance - expected to facilitate negotiations due this month between the King and Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization leader - was spelt out yesterday at the first press conference by the new Government. It was given by Mrs Laila Sharaf, the first and only woman information Minister in the Arab world.

She accused the United States of breaking its promise that the Israeli freeze and withdrawal from Lebanon would be in exchange for Jordanian willingness to discuss the terms outlined by Mr Reagan in September, 1982. These in-volved a key role for Jordan.

"We would like to make it clear that the ball is in the court of the Americans and the Israelis and not in ours. Jordan was accused of not fulfilling its part of the Reagan plan, when it was really the United States that did not carry out the preliminary conditions to move for-

Jordan would insist on the pre-conditions being fulfilled before the plan would be considered again in Amman. Even then, there would not be automatic acceptance. "The Reagan plan was not meant to be accepted: it was meant to be the framework of discussions."

for the Husain-Arafat talks, the minister said they would concentrate on allocating the "role, responsibility and authority" of Jordan and the PLO in the future of the peace process.

In a related development, the revived Jordanian Parliament vesterday appointed seven new deputies from the occupied West Bank six to replace members who have died since 1974 and the seventh to succeed the Speaker, who has moved to the Senate.

● ROME - Italy has begun to reduce its contingent to the multinational force in Lebanon, a Defence Ministry spokesman said. This confirmed Italian press and radio reports that the 622-man "Cernaia" battalion of Bersaglieri infantrymen, which began returning to Italy on Tuesday would not be replaced.

This would leave the Italian contingent at around 1.500 men, the spokesman said.

General quits top West Bank post

of the Israeli civil adminisconnexion with a military police investigation into allegations of corruption, the Defence Ministry announced.

A statement said the general had asked to be relieved of his duties and the Defence Minister and the Chief of Staff had accepted his resignation.

The allegations were that he had a woman soldier transferred from her unit to his bureau contrary to procedures and allowed her to be absent from duty for several weeks. He was also said to have used army property for non-military purposes, employed a local resident to carry out work in his home for payment and bought produce from West Bank residents

contrary to standing oders. The newspaper Haaret: re-

Brigadier Shlomo Ilya, head file claimed that by those the Israeli civil adminis- standards, half the officers in tration in the occupied West the Israeli Army should be court Bank, resigned on Tuesday in martialled. They said it was the norm in the West Bank to buy fruits and vegetables from local vendors, to use official cars privately and to transfer staff from one unit to another.

The paper's West Bank correspondent said the repairs to his home had been made during Brigadier Ilya's absence abroad without his knowledge. Civil administration officials

said the Brigadier, who took over the office in November. 1982, had made enemies as he had shifted from open support of the "village leagues" sought dialogue with various elements of the local population. Close call: Mr Yitzhak

Shamir's coalition yesterday lost a Knesset vote on a motion for debate and then averted a ported that security officials second defeat by discreetly who had seen the investigations voting with the opposition.



Soldier's grief: An Israeli paratroop lieutenant - colonel weeping over the grave of his son, killed by a sniper's bullet, the 565th Israeli soldier to die in Lebanon

vigorous opposition on our Gairy counting on VIP **Britain censures Greece** for anti-missile appeal welcome in Grenada

Gairy, who was deposed as A joint appeal by Greece and President Reagan and President Prime Minister of Grenada in Andropov. Britain first heard of 1979, said this week that if his it from Bucharest, not Athens. right wing Grenada United Meanwhile, the Balkan con-Labour Party won the coming ference called by Greece to elections, it would urge the discuss the creation of a United States and Britain to nuclear-free zone ended yestermaintain a military presence on day, two days ahead of schedthe island.

annoyance that Greece had ule. It will meet again in Athens Sir Eric. in a telephone interview from Falls Church, failed to consult Britain before on February 13 ioining such an unorthodox The decision to postpone the Virginia, discussed plans to meeting was taken by Mr return to Grenada on Saturday concern to the British people. Papandreou after recieving a The appeal was in a letter message from Mr Ceaucescu signed by President Ceaucescu arguing that a Balkan meeting. to become heavily involved in politics. But he said he would f Romania and Mr Andreas without Turkey made nonsense personally not run in the elections. Papandreou, the Greek Prime of the plan for a nuclear-free

He expected that on his return he would "as a sign of respect", be escorted from Grenada airport by US troops.

Describing the invasion as a

rescue mission that was the answer to a lot of prayers, Sir Eric said he had been urging a US presence on the island consistently for the past 18

He would like to see the disputed Cuban-built airport at Point Salines completed.

Obote sets up

committee on

Asians' claims

From Charles Harrison

President Obote of Uganda has

appointed a committee to recommend what action should

be taken on several thousand

from them when they were

expelled from Uganda by President Idi Amin in 1972. The formation of the new

Rehabilitation Minister, Mr Moses Apiliga, follows an invitation to Asians a year ago

to apply for the return of their

properly, or for compensation

the committee will complete its

work quickly. It is likely to take

months to assess the competing

claims of absence Asians

There are no hopes here that

committee. headed by

citizen." he said. "I'm going to watch the game as an outsider for the first time in 33 years. I'm going to be a consultant and let the others do some work." But he said that if his party regains political control he would be the power behind the "He will consult with me.

There is scarcely anyone in the Caribbean with my political expertise. The prime minister would be

selected by the majority party in the 15-member elected parliament, and Sir Eric said his party would field candidates in all districts.

He was angry with the Governor-General. Sir Paul Scoon, for not holding elections immediately after the invasion. Sir Eric called those who want to delay elections "colonial stooges' "They're like old slaves who

don't want to be freed. They speak the words of the devil and the words of the black ma-

Kidnapped protesters found safe

From Donovan Moldrich Colombo

Nine Tamil students kidnapped on Monday while on hunger strike in Jaffna, northapplications from Asians and others for the return of busiern Sri Lanka, have been found nesses and other property seized homes to which they had been taken by their abductors.

The five men and four women were demanding admission to northern universities of students who fled the south during last year's anti-Tamil

They became involved in a dispute between two groups of terrorists. Those who abducted them did not want the hunger strikers to risk their lives while peace talks were in progress in Colombo between the Government and opposition parties and representatives of the Tamil United Liberation Front.

group, which rival favoured continuation of the fast has threatened action against the kidnappers.

constituencies in the north and one in the north-central prov-ince under provisions of the state of emergency. The 11 vacancies arose when members of the Tamil United Liberation disavowing separatism.

Islamic summit split over Egypt Abdel Salam Jalloud, was Liberation Organization chair-

Casablanca (Reuter) - Radicals attending the Islamic Conference Organization's summit have warned they may walk out if moderates continue to press for Egypt's return to the 45-member body, sources said yesterday.

A proposal to review Egypt's

status brought strong objections from radicals such as Syria, from radicats such a Libya and Algeria during a closed-door session ended in the early hours. The Libyan delegate,

quoted as saying: "Do you want to gain one member at the risk of losing several others?" Egypt was suspended in 1979 for signing the Camp David peace treaty with Israel.

A review of Egypt's status was proposed by African and Asian heads of state. The issue was expected to be discussed again before the summit closes. On the Middle East, there were contradictory reports of a meeting between the Palestine Iraq, its enemy in the Gulf War.

man, Mr Yassir Arafat and the Syrian Foreign Minister, Mr Abdel Halim Khaddam, in their first move towards reconcili-

In another development, a goodwill mission composed of several ministers has left for Tehran in an attempt to persuade Iran to send a delegation to Casablanca before the summit ends. Iran boycotted it, citing bias in favour of

Japan hails US video ruling as victory

Tokyo (Reuter) – Japan's Sony Corporation hailed as an important victory for consumers a US Supreme Court ruling that home video taping of television programmes does not break the law.

Universal City Studio lac and Walt Disney Productions had sued Sony and other video equipment makers. Of the 18 million recorders produced by Japan last year, 15 million were exported to the US and West Europe.

The court's 5-4 decision is likely to set off an intensive lobbying battle in Congress between the home video taping industry and Hollywood "This is just the opening shot" said Mr Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America.

Miners trapped

Tokyo (Reuter) - Nearly 100 miners were trapped or missing after a fire broke out in Japan's largest coal mine 600ft under the sea off the southern island of Kyushu. Radjo contact was

Grenoble scare

plosion in an underground gas pipeline outside Grenoble under the A48 autoroute wake the population and caused panic because many thought it was at a nuclear research centre. Officials blamed it on heavy lorries. Gas was cut from the city for 48 hours.

Soviet sacking

Moscow (Reuter) - Three days after a report saying the airline industry needed overhaul, the dismissal of Mr. Alcksandr Nazarov, First Deputy Aviation Minister was announced. He had held his post for four years.

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32 executed

Peking (AFP) - Thirty-two men were executed in Peking yesterday bringing to 59 the number of criminals executed in the Chinese capital this year. Posters said they were guilty of rape, murder or robbery.

Miles holds on

Amsterdam (Reuter) - Tony Ailes (Britain) and Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland) remained in the lead with three points after four rounds of the Hoogovens international chess

min Torre (Philippines) and respectively. Half a point behind was Aleksandr Belyavski who also drew with fellow Soviet countryman Vladimir Tukma-

Iran poll

Tchran (Reuter) - Elections to Iran's 270-seat Parliament will be held at the end of February or the beginning of March, the Governor of Mr Mohammad Memarsadeh, announced.

Hashish haul

Amsterdam (AP) - Police scized 9.900lb of hashish worth £5.5m hidden in 40 barrels stored in a derelict warehouse and a garage. Five Dutch nationals were arrested.

Uruguay stops Montevideo (Reuter) - Public transport stopped and shops closed in Uruguay in the first general strike called by trade unions in 10 years of military rule. Police and troops patrolled the centre of Montevideo. The unions want better pay, an amnesty for political prisoners

and bans lifted on political

Pimps swoop

Munich (AP) - Police arrested 13 people in city-wide raids to combat violence among rival gangs of pimps. The raid followed weeks of gang violence, in which mobile bordellos in trailers had been set on fire.

Jumbo flight

Delhi (Reuter) - An Indian Air Force helicopter rescued Mr Gegong Apang. Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh state, and other officials from a village herd of wild elephants.

MPs hear Flick case denial From Michael Binyon, Bonn

former Free Democratic Minister of Economics, yesterday began giving evidence to the parliamentary committee investigating the long-running affair of improper payments to political parties by the giant Flick conglomerate.

the Dresdner Bank, is among the five people accused of corruption by the Bonn Public Prosecutor on the ground that received altogether DM375,000 (£94,000) between 1975 and 1977 in return for tax concessions to Flick on the sale of shares.

Last month, the Ministry of

of news magazines that had written about the affair. Herr Friderichs is the first of 73 witnesses who have been called by the committee. The list, which is a roll call of West

Germany's senior politicians, also includes Chancellor Kohl, his predecessor. Herr Helmut Schmidt, and Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Prime Minister of Bavaria. The hearings by the H-man committee are expected to last

many months with no fixed date for a final report. The committee will consider some 30,000 pages of written evi-The committee was estab-

lished as a result of the scandal and publicity surrounding the way all political parties had been receiving large undeclared

sums of money from Flick. It does not replace the judicial investigations into the affair, nor will it play any role Flick managers. Herr Friderichs and his successor, Otto Graf Lambsdorff, and a minister from the North-Rhint Westphalian government Count Lambsdorff will be one of the main witnesses in the bearings and the committee

may open soon against two

will, like the courts, have to decide whether the former party treasurer of the FDP acted improperly in accepting DM1135,000 between 1977 and Count Lambsdorff has firmly denied the charge of bribe-taking made by the Bonn Prosecutor, and resisted pressure to

resign. Chancellor Kohl, however, has said he expected the Economics Minister to go if and when the matter comes to The laws on Party financing

have recently - and harridly -been changed to make a recurrence of the Flick payments impossible.

hunted as food, people were help from the church," he eating cactus to lessen the added. The Government prohunger pangs and women would jects meant that a man could walk more than 10 miles to earn about \$50 (£36) a month fetch water from a lorry which for working six hours a day. might be there once a week.

In Brazil's 10 north-eastern provinces the mortality rate among the 35 million population is now 20 to 25 per cent due to food and water shortages caused by fiver years of drought, according to Mr Gerhard Dohms, delegate of the League of Red Cross Societies. "If rains do not come this month or next people will be dying like flies," he said. "The big reservoirs are nearly emRats and lizards were being

Mr Dohms, Brazilian-born family's needs, particular and a former West German inflation at 200 per cent. been "too shy to appeal" for the international aid essential to

"Nor as there been much

ambassador in the country, thought the Government had from the League's headquarters. from the League's headquarters. the British Government has donated £100,000 for Brazilian

This was totally inadequate for family's needs, particularly with

The President has postponed parliamentary by-elections in 11 Front forfeited their seats by refusing to take an oath

Quick-thinking official averts rail disaster From Harry Debelius Madrid

A protest in north-west Spain might have ended in a disaster, but for a quick-thinking railway official. About 500 shipyard workers

occupied the station at Vigo on Thursday night in protest against government policy in the shipbuilding industry. Most sat on the rails, only minutes before the expected arrival of an express train, powered by an overhead electricity cable. The stationmaster failed to

dissuade the protesters and

phoned the next station down the line, Redondela, to ask the stationmaster to hold the express, but it had already left. The Vigo stationmaster then advised the district's chief railway engineer, who cut off the electric current. When the train driver realized he had no power, he stopped the train shortly before reaching Vigo.

Herr Hans Friderichs, the

Herr Friderichs, now head of

Economics ordered the company to repay DM450m in back taxes as the concession was not justified. Flick has appealed against the decision. Yesterday, he told the committee he had done nothing wrong, and he sharply criticized the "false prejudgments"

in the court proceedings that

THE ARTS

Television Wings of prose

What would Alan Whicker have made of the terrible Brazilian Grapes of Wrath story uncovered by Adrian Cowell and broadcast on Monday by ITV? The question is academic, of course, since Whicker is a man in a hurry, a supertourist whose films perfectly mirror the priorities of the typical tourist's snap album. But Whicker is not a man devoid of sensitivity: if some persuasive producer could stop him from frisking about and force him to stare reality in the face for a while the results might be good for him and interesting for the rest of us.

In A Fast Boat to China (BBC1) he took us, on the wings of his hornbly imitable prose, "jogging" (clip of man jogging round the deck) "through the Java sea, though without a saltcaked smoke-stack" (ch?) to Bali, "hathed in a sort of enchantment". "Sated by sights", his co-travellers were seen sampling the strange and disconcerting dance of the mudmen, kissing baby elephants, disco-dancing with the babies parents, and fending off assaults of massed ivory with crics of "Don't want!" and "No

On then to the fleshpots of Thailand, where our guide concentrated on the exploits of his vounger male colleagues. They leaned over bars and tweaked or sucked the checkily exposed breasts of barmaids. they got themselves worsted in boxing matches with tiny foes (egged on by unwise shouts of Butt 'im!") they crashed their hired motorbikes and indulged in orgies of reckless tenderness on the shore.

"He's about to discover that that pretty conquest is a feller". our Alan observed of one affecting tableau, but for some reason he omitted to show us the moment of discovery itself, which seemed a pity.

Incidental insights into life as a Cunard employee came thick and fast. If you are caught smoking hash, your union card is confiscated; passengers are allowed to have affairs with you, but you are not allowed to do so with them. Officers are fair, friendly and unsentimentally firm. As one coolly observed. "If a crew member kills himself, it's a very unsatisfactorily situation to be in". Quite. The show must go

The woman who inadvertently contributed the title for Invisible Women (BBC2) did sc when describing how it felt to be made redundant in her professional prime, aged 49. Male doctors, she said, persisted in prescribing drugs for her resultant depression, whereas they would unhesitatingly have prescribed another job for any 49-year-old male in a similar predicament.

This passionate little film may have echoed at times with rather silly overstatements, but only male bigots could deny the truth of its main contention: for middle-aged women, the media stereotypes are neither flattering

Michael Church the "extreme tedium" of the "marital

Theatre

Pile-up of fantastic incident

Nightshade King's Head

To get the hang of Stewart Parker's play, you must first put aside all memories of Evelyn Waugh and Joe Orton. Nightshade may be set in a go-ahead funeral parlour run by a

virtuoso mortician who also trades as a professional magician. It may feature a wily assistant manager straight out of Orton's Looi and proliferate in Gothic comedy lines, such as I tend to be drawn to slow and messy forms of suicide. like 35 years of solitary drinking". But Mr Quinn's "death factory" is not the subject of institutional satire or taboo-breaking gags. It is the central metaphor in a moral fairy tale.

lost the knowledge of how to Delia cuts their love scene short die", observes Quinn's daughter by popping out of a coffin. But author. The piece is full of slow-motion suicide-cases: an al-coholic woman doctor; a head-ound of screams from inside mistress whose ideals have gone the box.

Hugh Brogan is one of those rare and fortunate people seized upon, seemingly

by chance, by a project which has inspired

six contented years of his life and resulted in an extremely satisfactory book. "One

night I was reading the paper when I came across a review of the film of Swallows and

Amazons in which Arthur Ransome was

dismissed as an old Tory writing

ridiculous and reactionary stories about

children". he says. "My blood boiled. After dinner I sat down and wrote to Ransome's publishers that this was absurd." The result is a fat, minutely researched, handsome biography of the statement of the statem

maligned author, published this week. The

Ransome he has unearthed is no high Tory buffer but an anxious, gifted figure, a

prescient commentator on twentieth-cen-

From the first Brogan's course seemed charmed. Evgenia Ransome, Arthur's Russian wife, a "battle-axe of a woman", approved of Brogan's "fighting letter", and the fact that Jonathan Cape were on the

point of publishing Ransome's autobiogra-

phy was not a serious setback. "Ransome was a worrier and he was old by the time

he wrote it. He had developed a method of writing all the easy bits first and then ducking the difficult ones." More import-

antly, perhaps, when Brogan went to consult Sir Rupert Hart-Davis, Ransome's

literary executor, and the Brotherton Library at the University of Leeds, where his papers are kept, he found large amounts of invaluable and unused material. "Is there anything better you could wish a historian than a fund of first-rate documents."

Like several generations of British

children, Brogan grew up on Swallows and

Amazons, on the boating summer

adventures of John and Bright, littly and

Roger and Susan, and that peculiar and so

extraordinarily successful mixture of the everyday and the imaginary. But it was as

a historian that he came to Ransome, more interested initially in him as an

observer and chronicler of the Russian revolution and husband to Trotsky's secretary then as the creator of a band of

children in the Lake District obsessed by

sailing.
In the event, the book turned out more

literary criticism and biography than

history, as Brogan traced Ransome's own life through his child characters; but

history, he says, is a "portmanteau" of many things, literary criticism and biography among them. Speaking with a sort of cheerful revulsion of what he calls

tury affairs.

rate documents?

up in smoke; young Vance the mortician's assistant, whose eyes seem already peering out of a crypt".

All dance attendance on Ouinn, apart from his daughter Delia (Madeline Church), who goes through the piece simultaneously following the trail of her runaway mother and dwelling on the fable of Sleeping Beauty up to the Prince's final arrival to break the spell on the enchanted palace.

The pattern falls into place only at the end. Mr Parker's images and characters hold together, but his plot is a fearful mess, it being his practice to pile up fantastic incident with reckless disregard for the task of sorting it out. When Quinn is paying court

to the headmistress by bom-barding her with his wife's "We are the one tribe that has dresses, it is a fine shock when

storytelling and submit to the scenes as they come, Peter Farago's production is a treat. It is full of richly precise detail and comic reversals; and it contains two marvellous per-formances from Deborah Norton, who brings an orchestra of

and Billy Hamon, whose razor profile and darting eyes tell you all you need to know of the sepulcherally ambitious Vance. Julian Curry's Quinn presides as a funereally jovial master of ceremonies, equally at case in performing head surgeon dem-onstrations over the latest corpse or zipping through immaculately slick conjuring

Irving Wardle

My Foot, My Tutor

Presented by the London International Mime Festival. Peter Handke's wordless play for two masked actors actually

Caroline Moorehead

meets Hugh Brogan

(below), whose

biography of Arthur

Ransome is

published this week

Imaginative

opportunities

habits of seventeenth-century Dutch peasants" school of history, he professes himself to be an early enthusiast for kings

become a historian. His father, Denis Brogan, the distinguished scholar of American history, who once said that his life had been formed by picking up Dumas's Twenty Years After on a wet Irish afternoon of his early childhood, pre-

sented a copy of the same book one day to

Brogan decided at the age of eight to

and queens.

If you can do without linear offers them little chance for expressive mime, although plenty for patience. It is slow (although the Brussels Theatre de l'Atelier's 90-minute performance is seemingly not one of the slowest) and the young and the older man who perform various mysterious acts in a upper-class vowels to show the farmhouse setting have their headmistress going to the bad, relationship and emotions undefined. From the provocative opening sequence of silent apple-munching for five minutes, the spectators need

> Interpreting the piece (which begs the question, of course) is a hunting-ground for and intended to be, given Handke's mischievous contempt for audiences. Yet only the most severe production could avoid interpretation alto-gether, and Philippe van Kes-sel's principally shows the Ward (to follow the German title) in two guises, worker and child.

patience too.

The first, political, image has veiled authorial sanction but the second predominates: Yves Hunstad's bib and brace cover a slight, pale body and his wellington-booted guardian (Rudi van Vlaenderen) chalks

his son. "He always said it changed his life. It changed mine." Brogan was drawn to Dumas, he says, because of his "sheer high spirits". From then on, to escape the

realization that "life is a humdrum affair".

he moved into a world of the past and the imagination in which "there were vastly

greater opportunities and excitements".

The setting, for a future academic, was

Tocqueville at Yale (later the subject of a

short Fontana book). Since then the shape of his working life has followed naturally: 10 years at Cambridge University, 10 at Exeter as lecturer in American studies. No

pure scholar, in that he cannot surrender

to a period or subject without reference to the present, he labels himself an

"unorthodox academic", but points out that "in the academic house there are

It is an agreeable life. Brogan, a self-

contained humourous man with strong

opinions, lives in a village just outside

Colchester, in "Constable country" he warmly praises for its absence of tourists.

warmuy praises for its absence of tourists. He sits at his desk, cooks, goes to the pub. He is not married. In term-time he teaches, American history being, he says, more properly an area of interpretation for British students than one of research. In

A. J. Liebling once crossed a road to shake Arthur Waley by the hand for his translation of the *Tales of Genji*, declaring

that such a debt must be repaid. With his

of many happy childhood hours in part repaid (and adds that he once repaid Jane Austen by correcting a misunderstanding about something she had said and thereby

unleashing a long and acrimonious debate in the TLS). Now he is to turn his energy back to a history of America which he has

been at work on since the Sixties and

● Fiona MacCarthy reviews The Life of Arthur Ransome: page 9

ansome, Brogan considers the debt

the vacations he becomes a researcher.



Funereally jovial: Julian Curry and Madeline Church in Nightshade

letters on the door and gets his back pelted like a schoolmaster. His own sadistic pelting of the boy with crockery (not taken to its disquieting limit, as maybe it should be), as though they were the incomprehensible shocks adult life throws at us. ends with the boy unexpectedly catching a plate - and going on to gain confidence, strut behind his master imitating him, and

find himself foiled only when the man exits slamming the door in his face. Even that image of unfair adult victory is negated: the lad, with childlike imagination, dives through a previously unnoticed cat-flap.

As young worker, he learns to operate a turnip-topping machine but (in one of the many tures from it. reworkings of the text) suddenly stops, folds his arms and Anthe

confronts the man, who stalks towards him as the lights fade. The last scene still shows him wasting his life away, dropping sand into a pan of water as Orlando Gough's continuous score alternates an unnerving five-beats-in-a-bar scheme with even more unnerving depar-

Anthony Masters

Concerts

Sounds whose time has come

Malcolm Bilson

Wigmore Hall

The setting, for a ruture academic, was ideal: Brogan was born in Oxford and raised in Cambridge.

After Repton and the army came a predictable degree in history at Cambridge before two years working for The Economist. The next two, spent in America, became progressively more scholarly and culminated in studying de Tocqueville at Vale (later the subject of a Richard Ingrams declares himself in the current Spectator as peevishly opposed to the noise of old instruments; if he had thought to wipe out the Wigmore Hall on Tuesday evening he could have removed almost an entire generation of early music practitioners, who were there in force to hear the much-priased American fortepianist Malcolm Bilson make his London recital debut.

What I have grown to love in Bilson's playing is its absolute naturalness, its suppleness and sense of flow, its ready response to short-term beauties in the music, and its evident growth from the sounds made by his keyboard. And those sounds are gorgeous. It is the most controversial aspect of his approach that he does not actually use an eighteenth-century instrument. He has a modern copy of Mozart's own Walter piano (made by Philip Belt), wonderfully even in tone. beautifully voiced to his own specifications. It does not seem to me impossibly remote from ine putative ori those similar old pianos that midget or pygmy doing clever, gentle elisions of time and survive, but the question-mark must be even stronger than usual since Bilson's highly doubtless have developed demic thoroughness and lumusical sound is essentially one of his own devising.

He played Mozart and Beethoven sonatas (with Haydn which is finally due out next year.

Later will come a full biography of de
Tocqueville and a collection of short lives of recently dead American politicians, to give British readers an "idea of the excitement of American politics". A new biography? "I can wait. Something will too long phrase-lengths? – but each expressive nuance was freshly coined: in Mozart's F major Sonata, the short-breathed melodies and clipped staccato of the opening, the eerie tumbling arpeggios over

and the brittle, thwacked chords of the finale's second subject. In the Beethoven slow move-

ments the rubatos were rather liberally applied, and at moments of extreme animation he had a tendency to rush, but the compensation was a tremendous verve and fierce energy which was best demonstrated in Beethoven's D major Sonata. Op 10 No 3. With this instrument you can play full. out, hammering those pounding octaves, and the scale of the music falls out just right. You can delineate lines and registers (as at the start of Op 27 No 1) effortlessly, and the result is profoundly eloquent. These are sounds. I am sure, whose time

is the most convincing exponent of them in his field. Nicholas Kenyon

has now come again, and Bilson

Paul Crossley

Covent Garden

On April 28, 1924, this paper's critic commented that "to hear a whole programme of Ravel's work is like watening some severe eye-strain during the Ravel-Varèse Festival's recent entire Sunday of Ravel What function as it were at a second

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the reedy bass in the Andame. more. The fact that its scope and the brittle, thwacked chords remained limited, instead of surprising us with the very variety of disguise and invention which our critic of the Twenties perhaps underesti-mated in Ravel's writing, was due to the constant undercutting of any sense of performance, any sense of occasion.

The wonder of Gaspard de la nuit is not, perhaps, best released in the context of an accumulation of six major works, the anticipation of six more and against the background of gentle snoring which this encouraged. Not that it was unintelligently or insignificantly placed. But Mr Crossley, here no less than in *Mirotrs*, put efficiency of idea and technique above all else, shining a clear, cold light on Ravel's mental processes, while chilling both his and our responses. Points were made; but they soon decame dead facts without the nourishment of imaginative

recreation. Together with this over-firm grasp on the mind of the music went an often over-aggressive, impatient eagerness in discharging it. "Jeux d'eau" seemed a tangled metal puzzle, the Sonatine ignorant of the simpucity,

becomes sonatas (with Haydn for an encore); over the minutae one could argue for ever - does he attempt too smooth a legato. too long phrase-lengths? - but each expressive nuance was the opening Parane and the closing Tombeau de Couperin-logically compelling where they failed to charm.

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to Lausanne. Every five or 10 meaning in relation to an evident kilometres there is a small town with a progression of the story. railway station, a hotel and sometimes country, of a rural life little touched by twentieth-century development.

But you can look at it another way. Geneva to Lausanne as a Los Angeles throughway and the whole area as an extended city interrupted by cultivated fields instead of canyons. From this esque fields fade to reveal the twin facets of the international order that underpin Swiss prosperity and cleanliness: on the one hand the United Nations and its associated institutions, on the other banks.

international capital – that one can asked how many hours a starving find Jean-Luc Godard. The most African could survive watching videos. influentual film-maker of his generation now lives and works in the tiny make up what he calls his "factory". A Anne-Marie Miéville, his collaborator of the past 10 years, of whom he says: "Once we were together in life and work, now we are together in work".

He is due to start shooting a new movie, Hail. Mary, this month.

If Godard is the most influential film-maker of his generation, the influence has been largely on filmmakers rather than on film-goers. If ou were to talk of Godard to Coppola or Lucas in Hollywood, to Bertolucci or Straub in Europe, to a host of Third-World directors, then you might be confident of an animated, informed conversation. But to many film-goers, Godard is hardly more than a name, associated above all with those astonishing years of the French cinema in the late 1950s.

This situation is very largely of Godard's own making. It is now over 15 years ago. in 1968, that Godard repudiated the commercial cinema and, for more than 10 years, with one exception, made no films for commercial circuits. He remained as prolific as ever but his experiments in sound and image were conducted first in a series of difficult. hard-to-enjoy films which restricted themselves almost entirely to attention should be paid to other roles, questions of the relations between politics and aesthetics; more recently the experiments were in series of television programmes that even French viewers found difficult.

In 1980, however, Godard returned to the commercial circuits, a return confirmed in September when First Name Carmen won the best film and cinematography prizes at the Venice Film Festival. It opens next Thursday at the Chelsea and Camden cinemas.

One of Godard's earliest articles on film was an elliptical and dense consideration on montage. Conven-

It is about 50 kilometres from Geneva eschew montage, each image finding its

For Godard, no image has an a little port on to the Lac du Leman. evident meaning and his entire work This is Switzerland, everything clean can be seen as an extension of the and ordered with the Jura mountains principles of montage to every aspect behind you and the Alps across the of the film-making process. Watching a lake. The predominant feeling is of the Godard movie is hard work - work on sound and image and the relation between them. For some such work is But you can look at it another way, wildly exhilarating - a release from the See the motorway that connects nauseating repetition of stereotyped images; for others, it is merely boring.

Disconcertingly, montage is also Godard's principle of conversation. It when we returned to his flat, he perspective the villages and pictur- reluctantly submitted to a set of linear questions about his life and work, there was no such stable and agreed structure over lunch. A discussion about the relation between cinema and video in which Godard foresaw no cinemas outside museums in 30 years - "but it It is in this paradoxical setting - doesn't bother me, I'll be dead then" - idyll of rural life and centre of broke its boundaries when Godard

A conversation at a lunch table is Swiss town of Rolle. He has two flats just as much a process of making a film in a small, modern apartment block as making a film is part of the process of his life. When one checks with him equipment and one for himself. They Breathless, was shot in 1959 he third flat in the block is occupied by concurs, but insists that he had been making movies before that. For him the criticism he published in Cahiers du Cinema or the publicity he did for Fox in the mid-1950s was just as much making movies as actually shooting with film for shorts or features.

Cahiers du Cinema, probably the most intellectually influential western magazine of the postwar period, was the product of a group of young friends
- Godard, Rivette, Truffaut - who hung around the cine clubs of Paris in 1949 and 1950 (Godard was ostensibly registered at the Sorbonne to study anthropology) - and the older film critic. André Bazin.

Cahiers permanently altered the way in which we look at films, emphasizing the role of the director and creating a canon of Hollywood film-makers

Godard now disclaims any political beliefs

which survives pretty well unchal-lenged to this day. Godard, himself, now believes that the emphasis on the director has gone too far and that more particularly that of the producer.

If the 1950s were spent discussing movies, the 1960s were spent making them. Breathless - a story, adapted from a Truffaut script, of a petty gangster (Jean-Paul Belmondo) on the run and his doomed love affair with a young American (Jean Seberg) - was an instant critical and commercial success on its release in 1960.

For the next eight years, Godard made at least two films a year. Most of them concentrated thematically on doomed love affairs, on enigmatic women who inevitably betrayed the tional narrative cinema tends to men they attracted. Anna Karina, his British audience for the first time when



female lead in most of these films. But this theme became increasingly subordinated to a political investigation of film. Godard took Hollywood forms like the musical or the Western or the war film and set them in the landscape of contemporary Paris - Une Femme est Une Femme, Bande à Part, Les

In the late 1960s Godard encountered young Maoists who argued that the forms of distribution of the commercial cinema meant that no audience could ever think for itself. Film-makers had to address images to specific audiences in specific situations if they were to avoid using the image to dominate the spectator's perception.

As British Sounds, made in 1969, out it "If a million prints are made of a Marxist-Leninist film it becomes Gone with the Wind - there can be no international or national cinema, simply films made by small groups for small groups." Godard brilliantly portrayed much of the style of this Maoist argument in La Chinoise (1967). The following year he broke from the commercial cinema and, together with Jean-Pierre Gorin, formed the Dziga-Vertov group, named after the Soviet film-maker. A string of Marxist-Leninist films followed which will be made easily available to a

wife briefly during this period, was the Channel 4 shows them over the next two years.

Just as in 1968 Godard did not want to discuss his earlier films, he now disclaims any political beliefs.

The culmination of these political experiments was to be a film on the Palestinian revolution entitled Until Victory. The defeat of the Palestinians in Jordan brought this project to an end and two years later Godard broke with Gorin, politics and Paris, He moved first to Grenoble and then to Rolle where, with Anne-Marie Miéville, he produced a series of films and videos, almost exclusively financed by French television, which investigated the relations between the personal and the political.

The extraordinarily moving investigations of contemporary life which he undertook for French television may ultimately prove to be among his finest work but it was judged too difficult by the controllers of French television, who programmed them at hours that ensured a minimal audience.

The final move back to Rolle was, in many ways, a homecoming for Godard. Though born in Paris in 1930, his family had moved to Switzerland and Godard had been brought up in the area. As the work from French television dried up, it also proved to be a return to the cinema.

The first two results of this dual



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homecoming were Slow Motion (1980) and Passion (1981). Painting and music dominate these films and if there is also the story of love, usually doomed, and of a movie being made, equally doomed, these stories have little interest in themselves.

Passion practically dispensed with plot altogether, a pure montage. Its subsequent commercial failure forced Godard and Miéville to consider an already existing story for adaptation. Carmen was decided on, but their film is anything but a faithful rendition of Bizet's opera. If the skeleton of the story can be discerned in Godard's account of Carmen and Joseph, the music is by Beethoven and Tom Waits and the story of Carmen and her lovers is set in a contemporary France in which a criminal gang plan a kidnap under subterfuge of making a film. As part of the subterfuge, Carmen ropes in her uncle, played by Godard, a onetime famous director now rejected by the movie industry.

The film may not be for lovers of purist opera but as Joseph lies slumped over a blank television screen and Tom Waits sings Ruby's Arms, Godard proves once again that he is our greatest contemporary worker in sound and image, a master of montage.

Colin McCabe

Godard's First Name Carmen opens at The

moreover... Miles Kington

Dead right again

The other day Bernard Levin devoted a whole piece to attacking the music of Webern, and a wonderful change it was too from seeing him pat composers on the back. I'm afraid it can't have helped his stock much among the intellectual clite - in fact, I know it didn't, as 1 overheard a Radio 3 high-up tut-tutting at a party and bewailing poor Bernard's lack of perception. And Peter Heyworth started his Observer piece last Sunday with words: "If only to refute Bernard Levin's bizarre notion that those of the who listen to contemporary music do so as an act of penance let me start with the recent recording in this category that has given me the greatest pleasure".

am quite sure that Bernard Levin can look after himself, but there are times when standing up and being counted is a pleasure as well as a duty, and I would not just to stand up and counted, I would like to jump up and down and be counted on Bernard Levin's side I am not sure I would go as far as the friend of mine who told me: "I believe that Webern was shot in 1945 by American troops in error. It was one of the greatest contributions to culture by the American nation in this century", but I think it may be an excusable lapse.

if you scratch the hostile reaction to Levin's piece, you will find doubts even among the opposition. I later heard that self-same Radio 3 nob muse that he sometimes wondered if their preaching on behalf of contemporary music had had any effect. "When I go to a contemporary concert," he said, no doubt quite off the record, "and see the audience composed entirely of critics, BBC people, Arts Council staff and other composers, I wonder if we may not be talking to ourselves and no

And if Peter Heyworth wanted to emphasize how much pleasure he had got from his chosen record, he used cirious language to describe Boulez's music.

"Brilliant performance... dazzling score... stately gait... exactly the sharp-edged quality the music calls for..." I do not find here the warm reactions only of the statement of the statem reactions, any of the sensuous enjoyment, that the words greatest pleasure suggest. What I find is the usual descriptive vocabulary used by writers on contemporary music to avoid having to confess their lack of emotional involvement. Penance maybe not; duty, yes. The fear of being thought philistine, yes. The fevent wish that contemporary composers should play the same role as they used to, yes, and the wish becoming a "fact".

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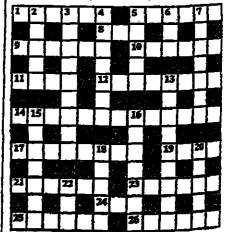
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But the fact is that contemporary music awakens almost no chords in us at all. Trapped and driven by the need to be original, experimental and innovative, modern composers have been forced to write music which is mostly in code. Very few of us are tempted to find the key to the code. Ernst Roth, who knew the music scene as well as anyone, wrote that: "New music gives away nothing of its creator save his cleverness and his intellectual powers". Henry Serious Music and All That Jazz describes chillingly the moment when he realized, having reviewed contemporary music for 20 years, that he had not actually enjoyed anything he had heard in that period. It was as if, on the road to Damascus, a bright light had suddenly gone out for ever.

once cut out all the reviews for several weeks from all the serious papers, and then analysed them to see if the artists under review were alive or dead. It was an instructive analysis. Writers scored highest, as over 90 per cent of books reviewed are by living authors. Films scored almost as well. Plays were down to 70 per cent or 80 per cent, as Rosen and Shakespeare are still quite popular. But in the realm of the concert hall the figure was down shockingly to 10 per cent. Of the creators considered worth reviewing by the arts pages, fully 90 per cent were dead and gone, a figure which could not be rivalled by any of the other arts.

The reasons for this are complicated, and I do not think the composers are to blame they have been driven into an experimental workshop, and quarantined there, by the forces of history. Supporters of contemporary music can argue until they are blue in the face, and laugh at Bernard Levin until they are red in the face, but the sad fact is that very few people will be listening to them.

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Alan Hamilton talks to Russian author Alexander Zinoviev, who would "sell Cuba and buy bread"

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Alexander Zinoviev, chubby and bouncy, his arms chopping the air in search of a homely Russian simile about tigers or snakes, thoughts struggling behind large dark eyes to find expression in a foreign tongue, recoils into his chair at the mention of Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

"I am not, " declares Zinoviev with heavily accented vigour, "a dissident". Nevertheless he shares with

Solzhenitsyn the fate of having been torn from the roots of his motherland and banished to the misery of western creature comfort. The former distinguished professor of logic at Moscow University incurred the wrath of the Soviet authorities with the publication, in 1976, of his satirical novel *The Yawning Heights*. He is visiting London this week from his adopted home in Munich for the English publication of his latest work, The Reality of Communism.*

It is in the nature of the communist system to punish its own kind more severely than its enemies, says Zinoviev. "The West is a punishment to me. Unlike so many Soviet emigrants who claim to have been victims, I never regarded the Soviet Union as a prison. Yet I have damaged the Soviet system with my books much more than the system has damaged me.

Whether The Reality of Communism will cause leading members of the Politburo to defenestrate themselves from the upper storeys of the Kremlin is open to doubt, but it will act as a severe depressant to any westerner who cherishes the fond hope that the nature and course of communist society can be changed by pressure from without.

In its view of the Soviet Union. the West does not take proper account of ideology. They think that the ideology is weak, and that the people do not believe in it. But it is very strong, and influences the behaviour of the people. It is not necessary for the people to believe it, only to accept it, and this they do. Nearly one quarter of the Soviet population depend for their living on a job somewhere in the state

Zinoviev insists that his latest work is not a debate on whether communism is a good or bad thing,

The gloomy logic of an accidental dissident

that communism has existed, does exist, and will continue to exist until the final global conflict between communism and capitalism, which he regards as inevitable, although not necessarily tomorrow.

He presents communism as a huge self-propelled monolith whose course cannot be altered, least of all by communist political leaders, except over many decades or even centuries. The apparatus is too large, too entrenched throughout all strata of society, to be controlled by mere

Thus, from his text: "The attempt to rule over the whole world is a schizophrenic idea of vain commuleaders only because the tendency to world-wide rule has an objective existence in the social organism itself. The Soviet Union has already acquired such a momentum of inertia in this direction that only a world catastrophe is capable of

Bouncing energetically in the safety of his London armchair, he illustrates by example. "It is ridiculous and damaging for the Russians be anywhere in Africa, or the Caribbean, or Central America. It is expensive and brings them no profit. But in Moscow there are large departments dealing with Sovietpresence in these places, and those departments provide jobs, and promotions, and medals. The administrative machinery exists, so the Russian presence abroad is a fact.

"If I were Soviet leader I would sell Cuba to the Americans, and with the money I would buy computers and bread. It is expensive nonsense to support Cuba. There is no good But because it has the apparatus

and the experience, it is absurd to expect anything else from the Soviet government. Expansion and hegemony are programmed into the machine, and they will not be crased mere practical common sense

Again from the text: "In spite of the fact that many people in the West talk and write a lot about opposition in the Soviet Union, its role within the country is fairly pitiful and

people in the West supported the dissident movement, believing they could bring about change in the Soviet Union. They failed utterly, all they did was to provide the Soviet government and the KGB with valuable experience in dealing with

theories on the nature of communist society since his hungry and oppressed boyhood under Stalin, when his mother worked 14 hours a day in the fields of a collective farm. His first night in a proper bed, and his first square meal, he says, were in his first night in the Lubyanka prison. But surely the nature of commu-



he concedes that the political climate is more liberal. Stalin would not have deported Zinoviev; he would have

And from the armchair: "Many

Zinoviev has been formulating his

nism can be changed. Did not Khrushchev effect radical change after the death of Stalin? Such a revolution, says Zinoviev, can



Alexander Zinoviev

happen only once. Even then it did not alter the fundamental nature of society, nor greatly touch the life of the average Soviet citizen, although

shot him. But liberalism has strict limits within communism. "Communism with a human face is a nonsense, as much a nonsense as capitalism without profit.'

Nor does the ex-professor believe in the theory of osmosis, that the positive elements of communism and capitalism will seep in both directions through the Iron Curtain. and that some Utopian society will be born from the best features of each. "To have the positive elements you must also have the negative elements. In the Soviet Union you have cheap housing and a guaranteed job. But you also have bad housing and stupendous inefficiency; you cannot have one without the other. Unlike The Yawning Heights, Zinoviev's latest book has been written with what might be reason-

ably supposed to be the added benefit of a detached view of his own country from the West. But his views have changed little since his enforced emigration seven years ago. "The West is very much as I expected it to be. But I have learned a few things which have slightly altered my perception. For example, in the Soviet Union I was conscious that

the state wasted a huge percentage of

its natural and human resources.

Now I find that western countries are just as bad." Still, he will admit to a ray of optimism about the West, almost the only sunbeam to shine from this cheerfully gloomy man. "For the time being at least, the West has a promising future: western society is so dynamic and creative."

He rises dynamically from his chair, and pumps the proffered hand of farewell warmly and with passion, the 61-year-old face simultaneously beaming with the enthusiasm of conversation and heavy with the dolour of past cares and future shocks. Every inch a Russian. The Reality of Communism, by Alexander Zinoviev; Victor Gollancz,

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BOOKS

Fay Weldon's new novel Feminist fable

The Life and Loves of a She-Devil By Fay Weldon

(Hodder & Stoughton, £8.95) Danger, Woman At Work, Fav Weldon's ninth novel, her best Weldon's ninth novel, her best since Praxis, is a tour de force: a macabre, fast-moving moral fable. The whirligig of time brings in its revenges - fantastical, frightening, diabolically funny - for marital infidelity.

It is as if a cartoon character from James Thurber's Moral

"it's every woman for herself".

Hate, with its attendant delicately formed. (Top-to-toe reincarnation begins – one by lighten the darkness of a woman one – with your teeth.) scorned. Fanned by Fay Wel-



A recent photograph of Fay Weldon by Jerry Bauer

don's gentle, relentless hand, the fires of Hell itself inflame and illumine Ruth, six feet two inches tall and clumsy; patient and practical; wife and mother turned "She-devil, n. Malignant woman ... with the violence, desperation, cleverness or other qualities attributed to the Devil" (OED). She does so, enduring. naturally, in dutiful, desperate

Stop me if you have heard that one before, Dearly Be- above burnt-out galaxies of loved. But pin a rose on Mrs literary fashion and hype. Weldon. Undeviatingly femi- Almost free from the connine, deviantly feminist, her straints of time and place, full of text this morning is a double strange oaths, powerful simicopardy: truth revealed in fire plicities, and stark, old-and brimstone, wormwood and fashioned moral contrasts, they gall. All women are equal in are, perhaps, our secular substitheir inequality with men, and tutes for medieval Bestiaries suffer injustice, especially in and Books of Hours; stylized marriage. But some women are stories and litanies ritually more equal than others; and rehearsed in texts gilded and

fainting and weeping and Loves of A She-Devil is only a sleeping with men while pre-long spoon away from classic tending that she doesn't." Mary fable. Fisher spent twelve hundred

for her size 4 feet last year, and could afford to, because she writes romantic novels "which sell by the hundred thousand in glittery pink and gold covers", and makes a fortune. Mary Fisher "tells lies to herself and to the world." Ruth can forgive Mary Fisher many things, but not the novels. She loves her husband and she hates Mary Fisher, the Other Woman in the Eternal Triangle.

What is sauce for the gander, It is as if a cartoon character from James Thurber's Men. Clever, patient, practical Mrs. Women and Dogs - "That's My Weldon is here to help you not Women and Dogs - "That's My First Wife Up There", say, or "Yoo-hoo, It's Me And The Ape Man" - had broken free from her restraining caption to collaborate with "Martha", Jill Tweedie's Fainthearted Feminist, on a Grimm edition of Holy Writ. Eve for eve, tooth for Writ. Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, Mrs Weldon's precise, distinctive prose packs a Scripdistinctive prose packs a Scripmotional ruin, and herself - in tural punch. But "God's ways appalling surgical parody of are far too mysterious for me to put up with them any more." It Scenes - to Born-Again Beauty: is only fair to warn you that complete physical reconstruction; smaller, prettier, more

Move over, Jehovah, Here is not so much feminist heresy as blasphemy: Everywoman's blasphemy: Everywoman's Guide to Genesis; Salvation, for Girls of Slender Means; and practical, sensible advice. Nearly 20 years on from The Fat Woman's Joke, her first novel. Fay Weldon is still smashing rose-coloured spec-tacles left and right.

Her work has been attributed to and largely appropriated by contemporary feminism; but it is neither fair nor appropriate thus to corset her achievement. The "feminist povel", a self-restricting, artistically secondrate reflection of sexual, social, and political preoccupations in (roughly) the 1970s, did not sustain such direction as it had; still less develop as a literary genre. It now seems stranded: washed up somewhere between whinge and scream. Emily Prager's stories - unreconstructed, outrageous, original - are a new American register, but she is more devilish than feminish. So is Fay Weldon: an English species no less deadly, more subtle, and - sub specie aeternitatis - probably more

Her art is what it was in the response to her adulterous beginning and, if we are lucky, husband's self-justifying declarever shall be: "a comic turn, ation that she is a she-devil already, not a woman at all: "I she edges close to a magic circle see you at last as you really more potent than mere feminist

even adult - fiction. Fairy tales are fixed stars therefore more equal to their decorated in primary colours; lot. margins aswarm with gro-Like Mary Fisher. Mary tesqueries both fanciful and Fisher is "small and pretty and recognizable; fabulous, in the delicately formed, prone to proper sense. The Life and



SWALLOWSAMA BAMAZONS FOR EVER

On the left the title-page of Swallowdale: on the right Arthur Ransome in 1953

Fiona MacCarthy reviews the biography of the grand old bore of hearty children's books about Titty and Roger and the rest of the team

The stormy seas under **Swallows and Amazons**

The Life of Arthur Ransome By Hugh Brogan

(Cape, £10.95) For someone who so desperately cultivated dullness, the peculiar English dullness of the cultured country life - the symbols of which are the book and pipe and fishing rod

Arthur Ransome had a quite
unjustly highly-coloured life. Not just two tempestuous marriages, a law-suit rife with melodrama (Lord Alfred Douglas v Ransome and Others), but also a ringside view of the Russian revolution, hardly the most restful evenement of the century, which he reported for the Daily News. He himself saw the huge irony: People interested in revolutions and revolutionaries will be shocked at my not feing a revolutionary, and will not understand how one with a front seat at a revolution could be always thinking of books, and most of all, books for children.

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Arthur Ransome, whose books for children in the end brought fame and fortune (though less fortune than this fatefully discontented author felt had been his due), wrote his Autobiograph); which was brought out posthumously in 1976. Now here is Hugh Brogan with a large new life of Ransome, published this week, centenary of Arthur Ransome's birth. If we have Ransome on Ransome do we really need Hugh Brogan? This is an obvious question and extremely quick to answer. Both are quite essential. Hugh Brogan, a historian, throws light on many obscure areas of

Ransome's narrative, in particular the

Russian years, in which Ransome's Bolshevik fervour became, for the British, an embarrassment. Also Brogan can stand back, admitting Ransome could be maddening, yet seeing in the least alluring of his traits, seeing in the least alturing of his traits, the terrible obtuseness of his ways with other people twho else but Arthur Ransome, writing to his mistress, would tell her "I miss your ugly mug", especially when the mistress was fairly far from beautiful?), the symptoms of the singlemindedness, almost the innocence, of the best of Ransome's writing With a best of Ransome's writing. With a professional biographer's perception, without forcing things at all, he finds the pattern of the life.

To this present rather harder-headed generation one of the most interesting aspects of the story, which Brogan brings out well, is the dedication with which young wouldbe writers of that early period approached what they emphatically thought of as their craft. Ransome's seriousness in setting up his own regime of "writing and reading reading and writing" reminds one poignantly of the struggles of George Orwell (that other leading literary figure of the month) in teaching mself mechanics of composition. Ransome's style was from the start more facile than George Orwell's, just as he took revolutions more lightly. This was almost his undoing. For example, sent to write a guide book to St Petersburg, the sort of assignment he accepted by the dozen in his early years of writing, he composed 1,200 words on only his second day there. which even by modern standards is

One sees why the quiet life so constantly evaded him. The image of the Lakes, remembered from his childhood visits with a pleasure and intensity which in later life took on an almost mystic meaning, was not almost mystic meaning, was not totally compatible with the need to carn a living in the literary London of the early 1900s, selling his work around the vaguely literary magazines which came and went in such convenient profusion. He enjoyed Bohemian life, for as well as the querulous and melancholy streaks in Arthur Ransome's character, he could also be rumbusious and friendly also be rumbustious and friendly. Brogan's Bohemian chapter, quoting at length from Stephana Stevens, a writer friend of Ransome's who put him in novel as the "bombastic, brutal and bouncing" Matravers, is lascinating reading. Miss Stevens emphasizes the shaggmess of Ransome: "the shagginess was not so much due to hairiness, for his face was smooth, except for an untidy and somewhat underdeveloped moustache, as to a general impression conveyed by his personality. Possibly his aura was shaggy." Literary shagginess: one still knows what she means exactly. Was this the genesis of a whole literary type?

Ransome fits in that particularly hale, and shagey, era between the writers of the fin-de-siecle and the Georgians. He was, if not a simplelifer, certainly an open-roader, even purchasing a donkey cart to prove it, and he liked nights out in tents with very masculine companions. He found women very difficult. Or did he create their problems? It seems women were the major hazard in his



life, looming darkly like bad spirits in the folk tales Ransome so much loved. The women were often especially large ones. His second wife Evgenia, Trotsky's secretary (a typically inept choice of Arthur Ransome's, involving him in flights across the frontiers with forged passports) was even known around Petrograd as "the big girl", although her feet were strangely - perhaps sinisterly - small. But Ransome's first wife Ivy was in her way still more formidable, quite inclined to call her husband to her bed at breakfast-time to watch her tip a

plate of poached eggs onto her head, in a vain attempt to introduce him to some of the dramatic possibilities of life.

For in the end of course he did approach quite near the perfect duliness which he had for all those years been craving (as I know to my cost, my memories of reading Swallows and Amazons being the most deadeningly tedious of my childhood, But Hugh Brogan's fine account of the route by which he got account of the route by which he got there is not dull by any means. A

Rabbit run as reviewer

Hugging the Shore Essays and Criticism By John Updike

(Andre Deutsch, £21)

The larger part of the readership for this collection will no doubt be composed of those who admire John Updike's novels, but such readers may well be disappointed. In these acres of patient review work (most of it written over the last seven or eight years), there is rarely any indication of the larger writer coolly looking on. It is not simply that his tone as a critic is simply that his tone as a critic is quite different from that as a or even want, a single voice -but rather that he seems actively to have exorcized the novelist in order to become the attentive interpreter of other people's books. This is an aspect of his professionalism, in getting on with the work at hand, but such modesty may be inappropriate on those occasions when the subjects of his essays are much less interesting than himself. There are a few small clues.

however, which might prompt an uninformed reader to believe Gay Firth that the author of these Whatever it is, he seems quite occasional pieces is more than at home with it. His tone is

frantic manner of those whose only "creative" outlet is journalism. Some brief reflections on which the dissection of authors his own work are reprinted as quite different from himself is an appendix only, under the studiously neutral heading of humoured competence. He does "On One's Own Ouevre". And the same reader might guess at this other career when faced the different from turnsed is performed with a kind of good-humoured competence. He does not wound, although with novelists like William Burroughs and Gunter Grass he with Updike's interest in the may occasionally sting; gener-financial and practical details of ally he soothes, he consoles, he a writer's life - the relationship expounds. The most he will with publishers (there are some allow himself in the way of novelist - very few writers need, harsh criticisms here of the appearance and typography of certain books) and with an ority - "Got that?" he writes of audience. Only a reviewer with other irons in the fire would declare that, "A writer with a democratic public for a patron must hope that he will in his

work line up with enough people's notion of what is entertaining and informative to make that work pay." This is true enough, but it raises the question of which audience Updike himself wishes to "line

Whatever it is, he seems quite

an inhabitant of America's elegant but easy, with an equivalent of Grub Street. Updike retains a quality of willed impersonality, observing and reporting on what he has observed, never allowing his character to intrude in the frantic manner of these when taken it is the voice of the formula of these when taken it is the voice of the formula of the second of the formula of these when taken it is the voice of the formula of the second of the formula of the form been taken. It is the voice of metropolitan authority, in which the dissection of authors negative comment is the occasional note of arch superia peculiarly inane piece of German prose, in the style of those brief comments which New Yorker journalists append to extracts taken from other, less literate, journals. This tone of easy superiority can some-times be grating, primarily because it is symptomatic of a culture in its imperial phase with his essays on European, South American and Oriental fiction (let alone from "The World Called Third"), we have an American confidence which

can treat the whole world as a

suitable province for its judg-

But it is difficult to elicit any general statements from a book of occasional pieces which precludes any grand intent; there are times when he will use a magniloquent cliché - "Bellow believes in the soul, this is one of his links with the ancients, with the great books" but ornate generalizations are almost unavoidable in anyone who appears in print as often as Updike does. He is, in that sense, a reviewer rather than a critic - although he deals justly and carefully with every writer he confronts, one would be hard pressed to find any coherent or original principles informing this collection. As a result, not everything he writes is very interesting when taken outside the confines of a particular publication date. That is one reason why it seems odd that these reviews should be published in collected form. Updike is fair, exact and lucid but such qualities are not seen at their best when extended over 900 pages, and they may give the misleading impression that they are the only virtues which he

possesses as a writer. But this is not too severe a judgment, and there are good things in these pages when Updike's irony and power of perception break above the genule undulations of his prose. He writes of the Boswell industry at Yale University, for example, that "The academic literature mill, having ground all the grain it can find, will grind chaff rather than shut down"; as one would expect, he is an astute reader of fiction, and there are some true appreciations here of Iris Murdoch and Barbara Pym hannted her all her life. (better than most they receive from their compatriots). The overall impression is of a sane and judicious admirer of the best; it is not so uncommon a

gift, however, that one is not

grateful for the fact that he is a

novelist rather than a journalist.

Fiction of the week To teach the young idea . . .

described - with awe - as an

The Cannibal Galaxy By Cynthia Ozick (Secker & Warburg, £7.95) The Far Side of Victory By Joanne Greenberg

Edmund Fleg Primary School, is a formidable elf of a man, a tyrant to his staff but not to the children whose minds are being expensively moulded according to the tenets of the Dual Curriculum - a modestly innovative blend of religious and secular knowledge which appeals to the Jewish doctors whose children keep the Edmund Fleg afloat.

Brill dislikes his pupils' parents. The men buy themselves new yachts instead of donating labs to the Edmund Fleg, while their wives protest too much on behalf of their the end the backward Beulah offspring. Brill suspects their anger is stimulated largely by the mammary gland. Not that he is opposed to the maternal instinct. Although still a bach-elor at 58, his interest in procreation is not entirely academic. His one remaining the sort of book publishers tend ambition is to rear a prodigy his own child, if absolutely

Then the improbable happens: Hester Lilt enrols her child Beulah at the Edmund Fleg. Brill has seen the woman

necessary.

imagistic linguistic logician. He taste. But her manipulation of has no idea what the phrase means, and is little the wiser for a trip to the local library. With titles like Metaphor as Exegesis, it is no wonder the epistemologist's books leave the Principal feeling weak. But ecstatic, too, for surely the child of such a luminary must be the prodigy he has been seeking.

The prospect is entrancing. In fact, Brill becomes infatuated Lilt. Alas, his ambitions founder, on Beulah's irremediable mediocrity and her mother's unyielding indifference to his overtures. It is the professional failure which causes the Principai greater distress.

Years later, retired in Florida, Brill is still complaining that Hester Lift "waylaid and plun-dered" his life, He has his own child now, whose mother is everything Hester was not: young, attractive and, above all, normal. But the boy's formidable intellectual gifts turn out to be those of the pedant, and in outshines them all.

The Cannibal Galaxy (a reference to astronomical entities whose treatment of smaller to push out in January, when no one expects to sell books anyway. After all, what else could you do with a writer described as serious and inter-esting by *The New Statesman*? But don't be put off. Cynthia

words and bizarrely applied erudition make her a force to be reckoned with. So too is Joanna Greenberg.

Perhaps better known as Hannah Green, the pellucid pen-name she adopted for her first novel I Never Promised You A Rose Garden, Miss Greenberg is a professional story teller of the old school, who believes in putting plausible characters into interesting situations and letting them get on with it. The Far Side of Victory begins with a feckless young charmer lying in hospital, after a car crash in which he has caused the death of five people. Thanks to his father's skilful manipulation of the legal system, Eric Gordon escapes with a suspended sentence, and is free to resume his undemanding life-style.

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But he chooses not to, settling instead in the town where the accident occurred, and taking a job in the city engineering department. He meets up with the woman whose husband and children were amongst his victims, and his determination to offer her something to replace what he has destroyed marks the beginning of an intriguing, if never entirely convincing, relationship. They get married and enjoy a period of domestic bliss. Colorado style, before the book ends as it began, in violent, senseless tragedy. Or is it senseless? A double-twist dénouement maintains interest, if not to the end, at least to the penultimate

paragraph. John Nicholson

Ozick is a literary writer, true. television, heard her The art of growing old

Sister Age By M. F. K. Fisher (Chatto & Windus, £8.95)

seventies. I mention this since she herself makes it a point of her new book, Sister Age. In her 28th year she decided ultimately to write "an important book about the art of aging". Inspired to this ambition by the purchase, in a Zurich junkshop, of a painted leather portrait of one Ursula von Ott, born in 1767, amateurishly executed by her youngest son in 1808. It is, Mrs Fisher notes, an "ugly dark old picture", grimly unflattering of its sitter, yet one who is finally impressive to Mrs Fisher, because Ursula's eyes "look with a supreme and confident detachment past all the nonsense of wars, insects, birth and death, love . . .". Ursula von Ott became Mrs Fisher's personal saint and teacher, and by way of homage, she built up a forty year collection of stories and clippings about old age, boxfuls assimilated, until she felt able to create the book that had

M. F. K. Fisher, an American of Oraker stock, is best known for her gastronomical writings (not being a domestic animal these are unknown to me) and contributions to the New Yorker. She has also written several volumes of personal recoilec-Peter Ackroyd tions about her friends and

her. Also one novel, reviewed last week in these pages. She has been praised by no less a critic than Auden; "I do not know anyone in the Unted Mrs Fisher is in her late States today who writes better prose." A literary judgment which might, perhaps, be viewed as somewhat emphatic and arbitrary. Certainly there is a subdued grace about her prose, a delicacy of choice in adjective

and imagery, a retined elegance: the overall word is, I think, mandarin. Opinion is inevitably subjective, and I find in Sister Age a lack of spice. It is all very gently paced, ladylike in an American way. It does not compel attention, nor make the mind leap with delight since it offers no surprises. One waits for revelations which do not come. To describe it as banzi would be to overstate the matter, yet what does this teach, inform, communicate about age?

prettiness of the scene Mrs Fisher anfolds which irritates my reality and imagination. There is too much self-consciousness, a prevailing patronizing generalization, which I feel to be American, and thereby totally alien to the hardier English or European mind.

A concluding chapter is in effect a gentle lecture about the "scary" potentials of aging which strikes the mind as awfully out of date. It must be, surely, the American syndrome about age which foxes Mrs Fisher's vision. The English I feel, manage this matter of lifespan rather better. According to their circumstances, the English (and European) on reaching Mrs Fisher's nadir of the sixties decade, build fantastic houses, create magnificent gardens, write or paint masterpieces and fall in love, which, if eccentric, appears to be a healthier attitude to age which is a sam of years to be healthily ignored. I am tempted to remind Mrs Fisher of Clardio Abbado's recent reply to a Times interviewer when questioned about his age. "Age does not count", stated Abbado; "What counts is passion and liking what one does." Quita a corrective to Mrs Fisher's scient, Ursula von Ott. whose detachment from life so attracted her, and which inspired this well-meaning yet slushy, if fairly well-written sentimental volume.

Kay Dick

Samuel Johnson as well as of picture books that appeared in That Book, and it behoves even 1983. If you bundle it up with writers about juvenalia to pay entertainments like William admiring respects. For tucked Steig's tale of a mouse-dentist. the backstairs cup- De Soto (Andersen Press, £4.95) boards of Johnsoniana there is or Bob Wilson's comic strip proof enough that this majestic pragmatist took a properly sympathetic view of children's reading. Like one or two enlightened people today, he called the property sympathetic view of children's reading. Like one or two enlightened people today, he called the property of the property o saw that enjoyment was the sinc qua non in the making of readers - and, despite offence £4.95), which won the £1,000 given to omnipresent utili- Kurt Maschler prize, you will tarians, he also recognized that see the gulf that is fixed between enjoyment came from the natural comedy and our pre-child's relish for prodigies and occupation with heavy signifi-wonders and that children's cance. Mr Browne is a clever. books could do worse than feed that pleasure. He lived in simple times

distinguish the virtues of Jack drawing of a little girl nervously the Giant-Killer from those of addressing her frigid (single) Timothy Teachum when few alternative heroes were on offer, and when nobody cared much anyway. Would the good man be so sanguine about the "superfoctation of modern books" when confronted with the 3449 new children's books exclude Tintin and Asterix from public libraries).

Nevertheless, it was a pleabread Prize to a book written solely to evoke pleasure: Roald Dahl's The Witches (Cape, £6.50) - and she might well draughtsmanship - so apparently careless, so actually precise - is emblematic of all that is meant by uninhibited

Rhyme Book (Cape, £4.95) is works, their mechanism creaks Sutcliff's star-struck account of

Children: relish in prodigy and wonder As we have just been firmly one certain good among a host reminded, 1984 is the year of of overpraised, self-absorbed entertainments like William set them beside Anthony Browne's Gorilla (MacRae. highly-talented painter, who is very good at trompe-l'oeil gorillas and pastiche Mervyn however. It was easy enough to Peake, but despite one stunning papa his prizewinning picture book is an artificial affair, ponderous in design and with a rigged story.

Indeed, the rigging of chilprobably called forth Johnson's famous objection that "babies produced in 1983 - and with a do not want to read about critical response that varies babies", but the practice prefrom the sycophantic to the dominates still. (After all, it's bilious (like that scheme to easier to do, as Johnson himself found out. His own moral tales for children are, predictably, a disaster.) Nowadays we have sure to hear Jane Gardam (who learnt to hide the most obis one of today's most felicitous trusive patterning under a gloss writers for children) reassert of realist bravado or flip that Johnsonian criteria when humour. Even so, it is depressshe awarded the £3,000 Whitwhich books like Gorilla are greeted; or books like Bernard Ashley's Your Guess Is as Good as Mine (MacRae, £3.50), a have coupled to Mr Dahl's novelette for seven-year-olds name that of his illustrator, about a boy being picked up by Quentin Blake, whose frantic a car-driver of dubious intentions, or Linda Hoy's The Damned (Bodley Head, £4.50), a jolly romp for adolescents about strife between factions in the

anti-nuclear industry. However well-meaning such



dren's stories for ulterior ends Dickery, dickery, dare, the pig flew up in the air, from Quentin Blake's Nursery Rhyme Book (Cape, £4.95)

beside the natural ease of the Bonnie Dundee (Bodley Head, have been a very good year for prodigies and wonders, apart from the virtuoso drama of Terry Jones and Michael Foreman in The Saga of Erik the Viking (Pavilion, £6.95) and why wasn't that short-listed for the Maschler prize?), neverbeen all sombre. Tim Kenneproduced volumes of witty short stories: Here Tomorrow, Gone Today (Faber, £5,50) by the one. Feet (Kestrel, £4.95) by the other, and the arrival of several of their earlier books in paperback confirms their reputation for sharp, comic observation, set down without the offstage sound of grinding axes.

Most encouraging of all this car, perhaps, are two quasi historical romances: Rosemary

gifted storyteller. It may not £6.95) and Joan Aiken's richly idiosyncratic adventure stroy Bridle the Wind (Cape, £6.95). What particularly distinguishes these tales is the way in which they give the story its head. (Contrast Barbara Willard's novel about the chequered fortunes of a tinker family, The theless realistic fiction hasn't Queen of the Pharisees' Childrea (MacRae, £6.25) - where a more and Jan Mark have both beautifully-written story is shrunk into a frame too narrow for its theme.)

Miss Sutcliff and Miss Aiken flout the unwritten rule that children's books should be short. True, they may not quite fall into the category of Don Quixote and Robinson Crusoe those narratives which Samuel Johnson wished longer - but their appearance augus well for the old traditions of romance.

Brian Alderson

Slivers of autobiography interlink with semi-fictional chapters about the aged, vignettes really. An old man selling Bibles provokes tears in the twelve year old author to be because he picks a rose as he leaves. There are three supernatural tales, one which does light up as a man in his sixties

the inevitable comparison between old people and old houses. I think it is the

fails in love for the first time in his life (although married) with a woman in her forties. We have



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Red's black and white

As a subject for its annual competition, the Association of Fashion, Advertising and Editorial Photographers has asked photogra-phy students to produce "a set of three black-and-white pictures that illustrate the mistrust that exists between police and ethnic minority groups in urban Britain". The competition task was set up by Red Saunders, a freelance photographer. A spokesman for the association admitted that there has been a reaction from one or two of the colleges, and that some of the entries had obviously been posed. Asked to comment. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Richard Wells of Scotland Yard said, "De nihilo nihilum" or, as King Lear said, "Nothing shall come of nothing".

Laboured joke

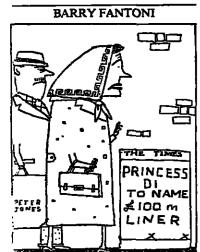
Neil Kinnock is revealing a talent for excruciating puns in franglais. Told about the hijack of the lorry drivers and their cargo of British lamb just before his visit to Paris last week, he remarked, "It's viande a joke". I hope he forgot to tell that one to President Meaterrand.

Short-tempered

Passengers on the 13.10 London-Edinburgh shuttle on Monday had good cause to curse the ground staff Edinburgh, who cleared only a Oft-wide strip of snow from the runway. The captain did not try to 12nd and flew to Manchester instead. Passengers were given the choice of flying back to London, staying overnight in Manchester or taking the train to Scotland. Those who went by train arrived at Waverley station at 5 am, having been held up by the weather. Pilots of smaller planes took their chances at Edinburgh, but as soon as there was a break in the traffic the runway was swept again, this time to clear its full

Misadventure

The Biko Inquest - a new play by Jon Blair and Norman Fenton, based on transcripts of the actual inquest into the death of the black South African activist - opens at the Riverside Studios later this month. Andrew Eaton, the theatre's press officer, was rather surprised when a journalist from a Sunday newspaper asked if it was true that Albert Finney was starring as Biko. Finney, in fact, is directing the play and appears as Sidney Kentridge, the Biko family's lawyer.



Remembering her wedding, I hope

Fiddling while . . .

The EEC information service has illustrated its recent listings of forthcoming events with a drawing of a street musician, playing rather dolefully upon a fiddle. This may be a reference to the current state of the Community's finances.

Sixty local authority chief executives have just attended a special preview of films made by Video Arts (prop: John Cleese) to help them improve their leadership and manage erial skills. Among the titles shown were Do You Think You Can Manage? and You'll Get the Hang of

Natural break

Not everyone was impressed by the agency's performance, however. A 16-year-old schoolgirl spent a day at BMP as part of a scheme to give pupils exposure to different industries. BMP pulled out all the stops, showing her the work of each department and how advertisements were developed from conception to completion. At the end of the day, the chairman, Martin Boase, asked what aspect appealed to her most.
"Lunch", she said.

Let Temple Bar rest in peace

by Gavin Stamp

The public inquiry now examining the plan to recrect Temple Bar in the churchyard just north of St Paul's Cathedral promises to be the penultimate act in London's longestrunning conservation farce, for attempts have been made to repatriate it for more than 60 years. The present proposal is the cherished project of Sir Hugh Wontner's Temple Bar Trust. But the inquiry is necessary as the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and other responsible bodies consider that St Paul's Churchyard is quite the wrong site for the Bar and that, perhaps, it is best left where it is - in a field

in Hertfordshire. Temple Bar was the ceremonial gateway which stood where Fleet Street meets the Strand, dividing the City of London from Westminster. It was built in 1670-72 by Edward Marshall and Thomas Knight masons, to replace an earlier structure. Possibly, but possibly not, it was designed by Wren; no matter. It is a handsome and rumbustious classical design surmounted with spikes, once adorned with the heads of traitors and Jacobites. In 1858 the Bar was condemned by the Metropolitan Board of Works as an obstruction to traffic, but it was not removed until the Strand was widened

Its stones were numbered and deposited on a vacant lot off Farringdon Street. In 1888 they were bought and rescued by Sir Henry Bruce Meux, who took them to his estate at Theobalds Park in Hertfordshire.

Here, at his own expense - £12,000 - he recrected them and added flanking wings to Professor Kerry Downes now thinks, that is make Temple Bar into a garden pavilion.

Temple Bar back to London seems to have been Lord Knutsford in 1923, but the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings opposed the idea and took the view that "a building once demolished loses its fundamental interest."

Projects to rebuild Temple Bar gathered momentum after the Second World War, with the City suddenly conscious of the architectural heritage it had done its best to destroy before the Blitz.

In 1973 Sir Hugh Wontner, then Lord Mayor of London, proposed rebuilding Temple Bar next to St Clement Danes. In 1977, he launched the Temple Bar Trust which, thanks to Sir Ian Gilmour, now owns the structure standing in Theobalds Park.

The estimated cost of restoring and rebuilding Temple Bar is now at least £1m. Wontner has raised money in Britain and America, and £500,000 of government money is on offer providing an equal sum can be raised privately.

With so much financial goodwill it may seem churlish to question the validity of the project, but it may not be in the best interests either of London or of Temple Bar. The site being considered is the one first proposed by that disastrous planner, the late Lord Holford, who did so much to damage the surroundings of St Paul's. Even if

the right scale.

What is depressing is that money can so easily be raised for so essentially redundant a project when other great historic buildings

need money desperately.

At a time of financial stringency it does seem irresponsible to spend half a million pounds of taxpayers' money to beautify the wealthy City of London. It is all too typical of the sentimentality of City business interests to be concerned about Temple Bar, which still exists, when so much of the old fabric of the City has been destroyed since 1945. Is it that the City is trying to salve its conscience?

ago. That is how much the City really cares.

Temple Bar was designed by Wren, as no reason to suppose it would look right One of the first to propose bringing next to the monumental north wall of his great cathedral. The Temple Bar was not originally a free-standing structure but abutted on to ordinary houses either side. It was part of that rich pattern of narrow City streets that planners and developers have done their best to sweep away. If it is to be recrected, it should be between buildings of

contain it. Yet Mrs Thatcher's disinclination

Rebuilding Temple Bar will only damage its stone further. Why not spend about £50,000 on restoring it where it is and spend the rest of the money on buildings that really need it? I would suggest restoring the sad ruin of Christ Church, Newgate Street, by Wren. It was half-demolished by the City Corporation for a slip road only a decade

Norman Lebrecht on PLR's demolition of some publishing preconceptions

Best-read but not top sellers



Archer: giving his £5,000 to help spastic writers

The first Public Lending Rights accounts issued in the past few days

to the 7,700 authors registered under

the scheme contain secrets far more

intriguing than the amounts accru-

ing to one celebrity or another.

Systematically analysed, the PLR

register has the makings of becom-

ing the most accurate indicator

available of what we really read, as

distinct from the bestsellers we

queue to buy. None of the current

top dozen hardbacks, for example, is likely (or even intended) to be read

from cover to cover: six are

reference tools, three are coffee-table

adornments, two are sporting books

and the twelfth is an adjunct to an

ephemeral television series. None, it

may be fairly assumed from the

patterns shown by the first PLR

statements, will be among this year's

most frequently lent titles. On the other hand, a title that is borrowed

from public libraries 20,000 times in

The registrar of PLR, Mr John

a year will probably have been

Sumsion, intends to publish an

assessment of public reading tastes

based on borrowing figures. Mean-

while he welcomes researchers to his

office at Stockton-on-Tees to draw

their own conclusions from the

assembled statistics. The only particular he will withhold is the

amount earned by individual

Most authors I have consulted

have been surprised by the amounts

they received and by discovering the

relative popularity of different books. In financial terms, 46 writers

qualify for the maximum payment

of £5,000 (at 1.02p per borrowing) indicating that their books were borrowed more than half a million

times between July 1982 and June of

last year. The largest segment, 3,878

writers, will receive less than £100 in

PLR; a further 1,614 will get nothing, having failed to achieve the

Tonight from the Kali Gandaki

gorge in Nepal, from Mount St Helens, from Krakatoa and from

and complexity of the world and

It is an irresistible formula. The

Living Planet's 12 episodes have

been sold to a dozen countries already and look virtually certain to

repeat the worldwide success of their

The memory of the book of that

series still makes publishers go weak

at the knees. British and Common-

wealth sales reached two million and

the total worldwide figure may be as

high as four million. Even when the

£8 hardback was selling furiously in

Britain, a second deluxe hardback

edition was brought out by Readers'

Digest at £12. Attenborough ap-

peared to have invented an econo-

mist's nightmare - a product almost

Collins and BBC Publications are

co-publishers. Attenborough insisted

from the first that there should be a

fully commercial partner, probably

because of the poor distribution

record of the BBC operation. For

The Living Planet they have stocks

of 375,000 copies at £12 each, ready

W. H. Smith, Britain's biggest bookseller, have duly made it their

for publication early next month.

entirely lacking in price sensitivity.

guilt at our failure to protect it.

predecessor - Life on Earth.

minimum number of loans.

thoroughly read.

writers.







Brophy: only £240 but will



Aldiss. "I have worked consistently Surprisingly to some, though not to herself, M. M. Kaye, author of for a quarter of a century and produced one book a year. I'm an The Far Pavilions, was not numbered among the 100 most-borrowed entertainer, it's high time the authors. "I earned less than £2,500". libraries paid me." Both novelist Tim Jeal and

she says, "and was pleasantly surprised by that, as I didn't think thriller writer James Tucker (writing as David Craig) were delighted to people would borrow big and heavy books such as mine. In my village library, they love Barbara Cartland." find that older titles, which had long brary, they love Barbara Cartland." ceased earning any publisher's Miss Cartland herself just failed to royalties, were still borrowed and earn the maximum. But one who read consistently. Jeal's prize-windid, Jeffrey Archer, has arranged to ning Cushing's Crusade, considered "too literary" to warrant a par back edition when it appeared in more, not a penny less - to the 1974, was borrowed 3,206 times last Spastics Society to subsidize the year. A more recent historical novel. publication of an anthology by A marriage of convenience, registered 23,618 loans. spastic writers (to be published later this year by Hodder and Stoughton). "I have said all along that people

who get the top amount don't need it and should not receive it",

declares Archer, who was an MP

while the PLR Bill struggled its way

through Parliament in the 1970s.

"The maximum payments should go

back into the kitty to benefit people

Aldiss found himself in the top-but-

one earnings bracket - the most

substantial confirmation yet of his

authorial popularity. He was especially encouraged to find that

in a projected trilogy, had been borrowed 26,621 times in its first six

months, auguring well for its

successors. "I'm not giving a penny

away, except to the taxman", said

Science-fiction writer Brian

at the bottom of the scale."

The novelist Brigid Brophy, however, earned only £240 from her books, £21 less than the national average. "It was slightly less than I had expected from 50 separate editions of 20 books that I registered. It shows up what I have always said were serious deficiencies in the system."

Miss Brophy, spearhead of the PLR campaign, continues to volunteer five or six hours a week as PLR expert of the Writers' Guild. She is set on inducing the Government to increase the £2m it has allocated to Helliconia Spring, the opening book PLR, to abolishing the requirement to register each new edition with a public notary (at a cost of £2 a time) and to changing the rule by which individual editions that earn less than £1 are disqualified from

payment. This, she says, works against the veteran professional author whom the scheme was designed to benefit.

Dr Robert Gittings, the biographer of Keats and Hardy, and a professional writer for 30 years, seems a case in point. Of the 20 books he registered, only six scored the minimum number of loans, earning less than £250. "Nonetheless" he said "I am not dissatisfied. The principle of PLR, even if it doesn't bring in much money, well worth fighting for."

Norman Harris, a sportswriter who registered eight books for PLR, will receive payment only for the one that reached the minimum. His earnings, £15.24, amount to less than the cost of registering all eight titles separately.

The registrar is now thoroughly examining the workings of the Mr Sumsion believes, scheme. however, that the Arts Minister's decision earlier this year to reduce the minimum earning per edition from £5 to £1 had eliminated most injustices, and he sees no need to reform the registration process.

Mr Sumsion is alert to a prevalent worry among authors that borrowing patterns might be manipulated at the 16 libraries from which the national figure is calculated. "There has been no rigging on any substantial scale. The computer is programmed to ignore any extreme number of borrowings of a single book at a particular library. Of course, individuals living near one of the sample libraries may have their families borrow a book a few times, and this might affect the payment but only slightly." Five or six libraries in the sample will be changed later this year, but Sumsion still believes that the carefully chosen group of 16 will give the most accurate reading at the lowest

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mused Tinbergen, unusually wellqualified to understand the problems involved. But Attenborough tends to play down his own role. There are, he says, two elements which produce success: first, you give people the broadest and best possible view of a

subject which they had always promised themselves they would

find out about and, secondly, there must be a story - a feeling of excitement and curiosity about what happens next.

Viewers would add a third: Attenborough's own intimate and enthusiastic involvement with the material. Few will forget from Life on Earth the sight of him whispering to camera from amidst a group of

gorillas with whom he then pro-

ceeded to exchange embraces. It is at moments like that when the real mystique behind the marketing takes over. For the truth is that nobody else could do it. Attenborough has identified television as the ideal vehicle for making a vast range of knowledge accessible and, most important of all, coherent. The attempt to see things as a whole has largely been abandoned by laymen and special-ists alike, but Attenborough me-

diates between the two. With his gorillas and craneflies Attenborough attempts to prove that nature is benish and therefore cherishable. Man must control his population and his ambition to fit in with her plans. The real trick that has now filled the publisher's warehouses to bursting point is that Attenborough has appeared on the scene to tell us where we were going wrong, just when we wanted to hear

Ronald Butt

Thatcherism: living for the moment

particularly those economists and advisers who, since 1979, have given the most vigorous intellectual support to her campaign against inflation, have just had a nasty shock. They now know from the Prime Minister herself something many of them had already come to suspect but which the more idealistic among them still could not quite bring themselves to believe. It is that Mrs Thatcher has no intention of attempting to reform the structure of the public sector and welfare spending, she has no plans for reducing the size of the nonindustrial public sector, or even of investigating systematically whether or how it could be done. She intends to rely on growth and efficiency to

to essay structural reform should not cause surprise since she is a politician who, though radical in instinct, is in operation highly pragmatic and obedient to what she

egards as feasibility.
Only in the battle against inflation has she put doctrine first and here the conflict between her alleged dogmatism and her Tory critics pragmatism was an illusory one.

The truth is that Mrs Thatcher's doctrine on the need to control inflation by cuts in public spending and borrowing, and by interest rates, was also the only feasible policy. If the term "doctrinaire" describes someone who is at odds with feasibility in the name of principle. it is a description much more befitting the Gilmourites who (when they were in the Cabinet) cam-paigned for higher spending that was impossible. It was her anti-inflation policy, not their Keynesianism, that was pragmatic in the given circum-

There was no alternative, and she appreciated that the public understood this. So inevitable was the policy for any country not prepared to collapse into a siege economy, that even Socialist France has had to take the same course.

Once all this is understood, the Prime Minister's apparent desertion of the more schematic sort of economic radicalism becomes more comprehensible, whether one likes it or not. It is not that she has gone over to the "wets" (a term which well describes the sheer impracticability of the policy of Mr Francis Pym, Sir Ian Gilmore and Mr Norman St John Stevas); it is that, with the "wet" campaign over and outmoded, Mrs Thatcher reveals herself to be not a structural and doctrinal radical so much as a pragmatist who recognized the right doctrine for the moment.

So where does this leave Mrs Thatcher politically? In some re-spects, she is more isolated than she has ever been since 1979, and that has its dangers. For one thing, she has lost her close personal advisers who used to provide her with stimulus. The provocative ex-Marxist Sir Alfred Sherr gone from the radical-right Centre for Policy Studies after a disputation between him and the CPS chairman, ex-Labour Lord (Hugh) Thomas. had virtually crupted into the Prime

Minister's drawing-room. The Prime Minister has also lost (except for the occasional visit) her economic adviser, Professor Alan

longer has a politically stimulating head of her policy unit. Once it was Sir John Hoskyns, but he departed to lambast the machinery of government; then it was Mr Ferdinand Mount, who has taken his politically acute mind back to journalism. Their successor, Mr John Redwood, from Rothschilds and a Fellow of All Souls, Oxford, is very clever and understands money. But his political instinct is said to be

But the Prime Minister's greatest loss is her former Parliamentary Private Secretary, Mr Ian Gow, who was her eyes and ears in the Commons, and was always active there before his promotion to the Government. His successor, Mr. Michael Allison, is an upright and a good man, but he is a reserved and rather remote figure, not naturally gregarious, who is not a natural liaison officer.

Overall, relations between the Prime Minister and the rank-andfile have become a little distant There is a feeling among Tory MPs that the Government has lost its political drive, and that is a sentiment distinct from the discontent of the government-in-exile on the backbenches (that curious amalgam of sacked wets and discontented dropped drys), and from dislike of the rate-capping

legislation.
Yet it would be a mistake to conclude from this that the backbenches generally share the present discontent of Mrs Thatcher's radical-right adherents, though some do. The Conservative Party in this Parliament is still an inchoate body with no clear wings or groupings, and no firm collective character. It contains 101 new Members out of 397, who have not yet had time to get to know one another, and whose names and faces remain unknown to the older inhabitants, partly because the Commons has been in recess for three of the six months since the

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Most of them have not found their feet sufficiently to know what policies they want of the Government. As for the older members, they are still somewhat battle-weary from the fight against inflation, and are glad the worst of it is over. They may be worried about the Government's drift and errors; about unemployment and rate-capping powers. But most of them show little urge to demand that a radical axe be taken to the structure of the 1945-51 welfare state. They want sound anti-inflation policies but there is no widespread demand for the kind of welfare reorganization or changes that might bring the party unpopu-

larity.

A quieter life would not come amiss to most of them. Having seen the Government restore financial rectitude they will be, perhaps, content to hope that the new growth which the Stock Exchange boom is improved efficiency, will be enough to take care of the problems of the public sector. The question, of course, is what happens when the business cycle has run its course; when once again retrenchment is the order of the day and state spending has again to be cut hurriedly and clumsily for lack of clear priorities

Jonathan Sale

A thin time off the fat of the land

It is a disgrace, the way people fill their faces. It is a scandal, the way their stomachs are over-burdened after meals. I speak as one who

If ever the United Nations needs to ram home the point that the West (or North) overeats at the expense of the East (or South), all it has to do is wheel me out, my massive calorie count on a placard round my neck, next to an Asian peasant bearing a note of his subsistence diet. Physically, there will not be much difference; without a shirt, so I am told, I look like a walking Oxfam advertisement. Gastronomically. and metabolically, I do not make

Some folk are fat, whatever they consume; they have my sympathy. Others are thin, whatever disappears down the gullet, we deserve, and certainly receive, no sympathy. Where it goes, we in the second category have no idea. Perhaps in nervous energy or, in my case, just nervous.

By a terrible irony, World Food Day - October 16 - falls on my birthday. My earliest memories of my own and my friends' birthday parties are of receiving two teas; one before and one during the festivities, the idea being that the first would blunt my hunger to prevent me making an exhibition of myself during the second. It never worked.

We "thinnies" ought to look like Terry Jones in the latest Monty Python film, portraying the man who eats everything on the menu up to and beyond bursting point. In fact, our ribs look like the operative parts of a xylophone, and the few friends who refrain from remarking on that, go on to state that we should go round medical schools as living, articulated skeletons. Inside thin men, there is often a fat man trying to get out.

It is an understatement to say that we do not have anorexia; yet colleagues bumped into (literally) in office corridors recoil and make nasty comments about splinters of bone in their upper arms. Our children, embraced too enthusiastically, back away,

If only we could make a greater impact on the bathroom scales, our consumption would at once slacken off. It may be that if we went on a crash diet, our weight would stay exactly the same; but this is not an Bryan Appleyard experiment we care to toy with, in to a starter.

and are blown away by a winter gust So we have second helpings of potatoes, possibly thirds. We finish what is left on our spouse's plates. we are torn between wanting our children to eat all their nourishing

As it happens, I do know what it

The other two thirds were handed

Chastened by this experience, obtained from the Vegetarian Society a socially responsible diet which would be a little more appetising. Breakfast is grapefruit salad, lunch includes 21b of potatoes. supper is a 10oz rice-and-sunflower. seed loaf. Substantial enough in its way - except that this is described as a menu for four people. What will

As is becoming evident, my heart is in the right place but my stomach is not. Support is needed. Women with weight problems can read Fat is a Feminist Issue by Susie Orbach and never look back. But where is the companion volume - something like "Thin is a Masculine Trouble" Such a book would explain, for example, that riding a bicycle has nothing to do with my scarcity of flab, but just gives an even keener

appetite. Fortunately, some progress is being made. Still feeling full from the previous evening's intake, a few weeks ago I cut out the morni muesli and now make do with half a

is to indulge in the muesti after supper. Still, it is a start. As opposed



she gets its name right"

False premise

A photograph in the new AA Guest Houses, Farmhouses and Inns in Britain Guide purports to be of Gloucester Cathedral, but in fact is Tewkesbury Abbey, 12 miles away. The vicar of Tewkesbury, the Rev Michael Moxon, said that since he was in a forgiving mood, he had decided it was nice to have a picture of the abbey in the guide even if it did appear under false pretences. Anyway, "Everyone knows which is more beautiful of the two buildings without having to consult

Yellowstone Park we shall be invited to contemplate *The Building* of the Earth. Then, over the next 12 weeks, we shall be shown the flightless cranefly, filmed within a week of its discovery, the oldest and biggest living organisms, the court-ship display of the blue-footed frog, the breeding cycle of the emperor penguin and much more. David Attenborough is back in action, once again inspiring wonder at the beauty

It was an excellent 1983 for Boase Massimi Pollitt: the advertising agency got a full quotation on the Stock Exchange, giving it a market value of £16.23m, picked up £14m of new business and, last week, was chosen as agency of the year by Campaign magazine.

How the £2m is being shared out 376,000 Setting up the register and operating costs Payments to local authorities Payment to 6,086 authors. The authors' who gets what 46 receive maximum2,500 ..1,000-2,499 81 receive more than... 500-999 100-499 318 receive. 1.516 receive 3878 receive less than .



Belu, Bintang and the man who came to dinner

Attenborough goes back to nature

Book of the Month, much to the chagrin of Faber & Faber who are bringing out The Paper Men, the new novel from Nobel prizewinner William Golding. "Safe bookselling and safe publishing", muttered one Faber executive bitterly.

But what makes it so safe? The answer must lie in a combination of the formula and the man. And, conveniently, it was the man who invented the formula. Attenborough was head of BBC2 when colour was introduced and he determined to come up with an idea which would announce the arrival of "hi-fi"

to show in glorious colour a selection of the most beautiful things men had ever produced. The result was Kenneth Clarke's Civilisation, which set the standard of success for this type of big, glossy televisionpublishing tie-in.

Jacob Bronowski's The Ascent of

Man followed and, by this time, Attenborough had returned to programme-making and was workon Life on Earth. Niko Tinbergen, the animal behaviourist. compared Attenborough's career move to an evolutionary leap by a successful organism. It made him,

food, and hoping they leave it 50 that it can be spooned our way. is like to have a subsistence diet. A Third World organization once invited me to a reception at which a random one third of the guests received a card stating: "Congratulations! You have just won a typical, over-indulgent, three-course, Westover-indulgent, three-course, ern-style meal." For them, the organizers provided a slap-up, si-

down lunch. a card saying: "Tough! All you can have is a bowl of rice, identical to that which millions must survive on." That was my card and it brought a mushy mixture, which I wolfed down. I reflected on the unfair chance which had led to all the city gents and Tory MPs at the reception to land, by the luck of the draw, all the three-course cards. Then I went out for my lunch.

the rest of my family do for food?

grapefruit for breakfast. Unfortunately, the tendency now

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MR HEATH'S OLD CLOTHES

It is a rare Westminster politician who carries conviction as a village Hampden. Mr Edward Heath, arch-aposile of Tory corporatism, author of prices and incomes policies, does not exactly compel admiration as a champion of local authorities against the financial dictates of a Tory government, Nor did the backbench revolt on rate-cap-ping signal Mr Heath's resurrection as the leader of alternative Conservatism.

But if Heath does not "matter", on the crude and cruel scorecard of practical politics. Heathism still does matter to the broader argument of political economy. On the same day as Mr Heath voted against his successor in the parliamentary lobbies, he launched an attack on her policies in a lecture which merits more serious attention.

Much of what Mr Heath now says he stands for matches ill with the history of his own government. But a re-run of that history is not fruitful. It is, after all, now 10 years to the month since Mr Heath led his party into the fatal confrontation with union power that ruined him. What matters now is the relevance of Heathism, old or reborn, to the present day.

First blood in the argument goes to Mr Heath. Mrs Thatcher's economic managers would admit, in private at least, that the policies embarked on in 1979 did make the recession worse. The government pushed up prices via higher VAT and massive public sector pay settlements, which were the legacy of Clegg, fondly hoping a tough

monetary policy would set things right. But because Mr Heath Heath also sees it as the best believes the subsequent unemployment was a tool of deliberate growth. In construction, he policy rather than the disastrously unexpected result of a half-baked policy muddle, he tax cuts place in British con-draws the wrong conclusions sumers pockets spends itself on about the present.

not that the government's monetary policy was wildly inconsistent with everything else it tried to do in 1979, but that it was misconceived from start to to condemn subsequent attempts produce them. to contain public borrowing as fashionable nonsense, but also leaves him naked against the winds of inflation.

This monetary blind spot in Mr Heath's field of vision is a he has to make about some of today's policies.

He argues that the level of economic management. public borrowing has become a fetish, but refuses to acknowledge that any monetary targets are important. Decisions have to be taken on these in the next couple of months - even weeks and they have lain too long in shadow. For the government's share of the economy, it is public spending - its size and composition - that should be the focus of attention; once that is fixed. the government has no choice but to tax or to borrow; but Mr Heath is right to berate the government for failing to distinguish between the day-to-day running costs of the public sector and investment in better public

services for the future. More public investment is

needed in its own right. But Mr now, of economic engine, points out, it would create British jobs; while money which bout the present. imports, creating far more Mr Heath seems to believe, foreign jobs. That is hardly a proper view for a true internationlist, but there is a more serious case against it. Britain's failure has been and continues to be the ability to match demand finish. This leaves him quite free for goods with the ability to

It is no good trying to duck out of this problem by reaching back for the old crutches of economic policy. The task of second-term Thatcherism, to improve industrial performance, distraction from the valid points requires more political energy, more radical thinking, than a return to the old ways of

> And the spectre of Heathism should be the spur. Mr Heath is arguing for reflation because he does not believe the present modest recovery can be sustained. While the government is looking for growth of 3% or so this year, Mr Heath is only prepared to foresee about 2%. The importance of this seemingly trivial difference is that an extra 2% of output could be comfortably produced by those in work, without industry being obliged to create extra jobs. Mr Heath is probably wrong to be so pessimistic; the Treasury is more probably right to expect a rise in employment. But it is a narrow tightrope the government walks between hope and fear.

ABORTIONS TOO LATE

charge of attempted murder of a baby born as a result of an abortion operation, which the doctor had undertaken in the belief that the mother's pregnancy was ten weeks less advanced than the 33 weeks that it proved to be. The doctor was acquitted and the baby survived unscathed, but it had been too near a thing for both of them. If the child had died, the doctor might have had to face a charge of having knowingly destroyed the life of "a child capable of being born alive". An Act of inadequate provision, increases 1929 lays down that a pregnancy of 28 weeks or more is prima facia proof that the infant has reached that stage.

The basic criterion laid down in 1929 would command wide assent today. But the time-limit specified by the 1929 Act has been left far behind by the progress of medicine, Modern rechniques mean that some babies can be delivered alive, and survive, after as little as 24 weeks; these techniques continue to improve.

This means that doctors may sometimes undertake the abortion of babies who may well be "capable of being born alive". but can scarcely be proved to be so unless they actually are: in which case, of course, the doctor is obliged to do his best to protect them. A widening band of legal ambiguity has grown, constantly under attack, and abortion controversy.

Last year a doctor was tried on a and an ugly paradox along with those who feared the consefoetus is dispensable; after that moment it might be murder even to expose it to a draught; either way, the safest thing for it ively. would have been to be left in the womb.

Of course it is better medically to carry out abortions long before that stage is reached, as yesterday's report from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists shows. delay, Every unnecessary whether caused by red tape or the dangers to the mother. But some abortions cannot be done until late: sometimes the mother hesitates too long, and sometimes where there is a likelihood that the child will be born gravely handicapped the tests cannot be completed until the pregnancy is well advanced. Amniocentesis, for instance, does not at present produce results until the 20th week or even later.

These problems have been apparent for years, but those who were broadly satisfied with the 1967 Abortion Act have been reluctant to confront them. The Lane report of 1974 argued should come down to 24 weeks. but nothing was done. It is obvious why: opponents of deserve support from construc-abortion have kept the Act tive voices on both sides of the

it: until the moment of birth the quences of fresh restrictions were anxious to avoid legislation which their opponents might succeed in amending restrict-

Now there are signs that authorities in the profession who take a liberal view of abortion may be ready to accept that the law needs to be changed. They are right, for every advance in obstetric technique makes the

present position less tenable. There is still sharp debate over what the new time-limit should be. At what point should the interests of a healthy developing child be given weight against those of a mother, possibly confused and frightened, who delays making up her mind? The main argument is between 22 weeks and 24: the former would rule out almost all risk of error, while the latter would leave more time for abnormality tests. But tests need not be a central issue, Even Mr John Corrie's defeated amendment Bill of 1979, which proposed a very low 20-week limit, made an exception for cases of substantial risk of serious handicap in the child or of serious physical or mental harm to the mother. A Bill persuasively that the limit confined to the time limit issue, with provision for exceptions of this kind, is desirable and would

PROTECTING FREE MARKETS

forces within a framework of laws laid down by Parliament to set the rules of the game.

Although this philosophy has expressed itself more in words than action when it comes to individuals taking greater control of the investment of their capital, it is beginning to have important effects in changing the character of the investment industry. The abolition of exchange controls, measures to encourage individual investment in small businesses and the deal between Mr Cecil Parkinson and Sir Nicholas Goodison for the reform of the Stock Exchange are all leading to new types of financial market and investment, and new kinds of dealers and salesmen to go with them. Any move to allow individuals greater control over their pension arrangements would rapidly accelerate this trend.

investor protection, presented to network of statutorily based self-Parliament by Mr Parkinson's successor yesterday, now has through the voluntary Council much greater general significance for the Securities Industry and than when it was commissioned from Professor Laurence Gower thirty months ago in the wake of a series of spectacular failures of investment firms operating in supervised both by the Bank of new areas, such as commodity speculation, which were not covered by existing law.

Professor Gower, a solicitor of wide practical experience as well as scholarship, has risen fully to this barely foreseen task and. among a mass of detailed recommendations, has proposed

It is a central tenet of the present a wholly new and consistent seems be working out well in Government's philosophy to framework for regulating anyone encourage greater freedom for from a doorstep insurance sales-individual action and market man to an international bond dealer.

The main issue is whether protection and reform should be imposed and operated by the state, or whether it can be left to the various different trades to regulate themselves, in their own interest, to maintain orderly markets and retain the confidence of the public.

Proponents of a Government body to control the securities and investment business have long been hampered by the reputation of America's Securities and Exchange Commission for legalistic bureaucracy and mountains of paperwork, even though that picture is now out of date. Supporters of selfregulation have to explain away the inward-looking complacency of the former council of Lloyd's.

Professor Gower has cut through this argument. Instead, he puts forward the concept of As a result, the review of supervised self-regulation; a regulating bodies, coordinated supervised by the Department of Trade and Industry. He quotes the recent history of the Stock Exchange, whose reforms are England through the CSI and by the Trade Secretary as a model

for the structure he has in mind. That is a happy example, because the deal arranged to exempt the Stock Exchange from the rigours of Government control over restricive practices, which was dubious in principle,

practice.

Even so, the all-embracing Investor Protection Act pro-posed by Professor Gower has two major drawbacks.

His guideline that regulation "should be no greater than is necessary to protect reasonable people from being made fools leads him to relax some existing laws, for instance on unit trusts, but the principle of universality requires the official registration (in effect licensing) many groups of people who have hitherto operated freely under the law. More importantly, it will make it harder for people to set up in businesses such as insurance-broking and sales, which have attracted many an unemployed man in the past two years.

It is also doubtful whether many of the trades on the fringe of the investment business are capable of setting up self-regulating organizations worthy of the name. In these cases, the Department of Trade will have to engage in much more detailed day-to-day regulation itself.

There can be no perfect system self-regulation, just as there can be no perfect protection for the consumer that does not send the very people who need regulating to the fringes. However, the Gower formula is a judicious and carefully worked out compromise. It should not be put on a shelf but implemented. Without it, the tide of scandals will continue and the Government strategy to encourage investment by individuals will be undermined.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My experience as a former leader

of the association leads me to believe that he and many of his

senior members have failed to

recognise that the vast majority of

the population who understand the

present rating system are totally

opposed to the excessive provision

While the posture of these so-

called grassroots representatives

leaves much to be desired, many will

shelter behind "accountability to the

ratepayers". Surely by capping the rates we are showing true account-

ability to the electorate by honour-

From Councillor David Conway

Sir, A Tory backbencher on a Tory

council, I have read with interest

letters and articles in your paper on the Government's "rate-capping"

proposals. Setting aside the consti-

tutional arguments, there is one

aspect of political tactics which does

not appear to have been considered.

argument for the Conservatives in

local government elections that we

would be careful spenders and keep

any rate rises to a minimum. When elected, Tory authorities - of which I

do not hesitate to advance my own

as a shining example - have fulfilled

these promises.

However, what will be the value of such pledges if the Minister has

the unrestricted powers of inter-vention contained in the current

proposals? The floating voter may

lose a strong incentive to vote Conservative: if he votes in some

brand of socialism and they proceed

to splash out, why, the Minister will

ministers have overlooked this, so I

can only conclude that they do not

greatly care, on the grounds that the

proposals are just another step in the

continuing process of central control of local affairs. Ultimately, perhaps,

local authorities will be reduced to

distant past - in Enfield, two out of the three fall into this category.

proposals, of the local power base that assisted them in getting elected

The possible dilution, by the

l cannot believe that Cabinet

step in. of course!

NHS.

It has been traditionally a strong

ing an election pledge.

JOHN D. GRUGEON.

Yours faithfully.

Sand Pett.

January 12.

Charing,

Kent

of services without a proven need.

Setting limits on late abortions

From Lord Robertson of Oakridge Sir, I welcome the report by your Social Services Correspondent (January 17) that the joint subcommittee of the British Paediatric Association and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is considering recommending support for moves to reduce the numbers of late abortions.

However, your Correspondent is not quite correct in saying that "the 28-week limit was set in the Abortion Act 1967". The limit of late abortions was set in the Infant Life Preservation Act 1929, which says that any person who causes a child which is "capable of being born alive" to die is guilty of the felony of child destruction, except where the act is done in good faith to save the life of the mother.

The Act then goes on to say that, if the woman had been pregnant "for a period of 28 weeks or more", then this is "prima-facie proof" that the child was capable of being born

alive. Two points need to be empha-sized. Firstly, the 1929 Act is concerned with the capability of being born alive and not the capability to survive. Secondly, what the 1929 Act does not say is that before the completion of 28 weeks of pregnancy, a child cannot be capable of being born alive. On the contrary, it is clear that

some babies are now being born alive before 28 weeks (and happily, because of modern medical science and skills, many of them survive),

I very much doubt, therefore, whether a change in the law is needed. What would be helpful, rather, would be an assurance from the medical profession that every effort is being made to avoid the abortion of babies that are capable of being born alive, whether or not the twenty-eighth week of pregnancy has been completed. Yours faithfully,

ROBERTSON OF OAKRIDGE, House of Lords. January 18.

Industrial survival From Mr A. Prince

Sir, I cannot comment on the date of the Crucifizion, but I would like to add a supporting voice from industry to the response Dr Humphreys (January 10) made to Enoch Powell's second question January 5).

Although Dr Humphreys rose to the bait of a loaded question he does well to warn us of the low spend on materials research in British universities. The quality of the work is internationally recognised. It is not carried out in an academic vacuum: we in industry are rapidly learning how to work with universities and much academic research is oriented towards modern technologies on which our industrial survival depends.

research proposals are being left to gather dust for lack of funds. Frustration may transform the dust to dollars or yen and then where shall we be?

Yours faithfully, A. PRINCE, Assistant Research Director (Materials) GEC Research Laboratories. Hirst Research Centre, Wembley, Middlesex January 16

'Survey of London' From Miss Hermione Hobhouse

Sir. I was delighted to see your leader (January 4) on the importance of retaining the Historic Buildings Division of the Greater London Council, and the folly of dismantling such an important bastion of conservation.

I should, however, like to take issue with you over the narrow role assigned to the Survey of London, It was indeed started by C. R. Ashbee and the London Survey Committee in 1900, with the backing of the young London County Council. Since then it has published more than 40 volumes, but these should be seen not only as "working documents" for planners but as volumes published for the interest and enlightenment of all Londoners concerned with the history of the city's fabric.

During the thirty years' editorship of my predecessor, Dr Sheppard, the Survey has developed into an urban history series unparalleled in any other capital city in the world. The staff of the Survey do in fact aim at detached scholarship"without any arrière pensée, trying to establish the

facts about London's history. I do not think we should like it to he thought that we aim at a different brand of scholarship from the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments. Naturally, however, we should prefer to continue with the GLC, where our work is one of the many services the council provides for Londoners.

Yours faithfully, HERMIONE HOBHOUSE. General Editor, Survey of London, Chesham House, 30 Warwick Street, W1. January 12.

A battery's life

From Mr Peter Croker Sir, Mr G. H. Kitchen (January 10) (and other readers) may like to know that, from their introduction, all Philips batteries have been stamped on the base with a "sell-by" date which shows the date up till which the battery will still be at peak freshness. Yours faithfully

PETER CROKER Marketing Manager (Batteries). Philips, Lighting Division, PO Box 298, City House, 420-430 London Road, Croydon,

January 13.

Taking a divided view of the rates

From Mr A. F. Wigram

Sir, As an ex-member of the Westminster City Council and managing director of a property company which, directly or indirectly, pays very substantial rates, I think I am in a good position to see both sides of the rate-capping argument and would like to suggest a compromise.

Could not the Government "cap" the business rate, but leave the domestic rate open to the discretion of individual councils? There are three main reasons in support of this

First, domestic ratepayers have a vote while companies or partner-ships paying business rates do not. econd, business rates are a deductible expense from company or partnership profits whereas domestic rates are not tax-deductible; consequently it can be argued that central Government is in any case a substantial business ratepayer through corporation tax lost.

Third, business and domestic rates are in any case subject to differentiation and rebates so that a change in the level of tax levied would not be a departure from existing tradition.

I believe I am right in saying that domestic rates contribute only about 20 per cent of the total rates levied the Government's aim of controlling domestic expenditure would be substantially achieved whilst, at the same time, freedom of discretion would be preserved in the most sensitive area for "local authorities". Yours faithfully

ANTHONY WIGRAM, 6 Queen Street, Mayfair, W1. January II.

From Sir John Grugeon

Sir, I would like to take issue with the report in *The Times* of January 11. The Association of County Councils, although under Conserva-tive control, is far from dominated by them; Mr Lovill's statement that the voting was 95 to two in opposition to the Government's rate capping does not reveal the full picture.

There are 45 member counties of the association of which 22 are controlled by Conservatives, 12 Labour, one Liberal, four Independent, and six no overall control. County representation is in direct proportion to population and there are currently 172 members, of whom 99 are Tory. 52 Labour and 21 others.

Some members abstained at the meeting of the executive and several members of Kent, North Yorkshire, Norfolk and West Sussex were in support of Mr Patrick Jenkin's move to curb excessive and unwarranted

expenditure.
What Mr Lovill has failed to recognise is the Conservative pledge to the electorate made in the manifesto of June 9 and if, as he claims, he and his fellow members grass roots they are sadly wrong.

Peace studies

From Mr John McConnell Sir, Roger Scruton in his article (January 3) makes assumptions about peace education and the motives of those who teach it which indicate lack of understanding.

Mr Scruton is right in that peace education does have an underlying value, but it is not propagandist as he suggests. The most basic aim, which I'm sure most peace educators would share, is quite simply that young people learn to respond to conflict creatively rather than have habitual recourse to gut reaction, or naive idealism.

The claim that those advocating peace studies are bound to be committed disarmers glosses over the variety of organizations in-volved and impugns the professionalism of teachers running such

courses quite unfairly.

The Society of Friends appointed a peace education officer in 1982; so have the Catholic pacifist organization Pax Christi and the Peace Pledge Union. However, teachers are able to avail themselves of the services of the Government-funded British Atlantic Committee. which has recently produced A Syllabus in Peace and Conflict Studies.

The Disarmament and Arms Control Unit of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office circulates material, which essentially supports the Government's viewpoint, to schools and the Ministry of Defence has produced two films which are publicized and distributed on a large scale free of charge to schools.

There is a growing list of good resource literature developed by educationalists and promoted by long-established publishers. There is thus a wide variety of material for teachers to use in presenting the issues in a balanced way. This is quite in keeping with the best traditions of education in Britain -

Restoring the marbles From Mr Graham Binns and Mrs Eleni Cubitt

raised by your editorial on the Parthenon marbles ("The expansive

First, the notion that the return of the marbles would "be bound to set a spectacular precedent". The British Committee does, in fact, regard with sympathy the principle of restitution of cultural objects that meet the criteria set by Unesco, i.e., that are central to the cultural heritage and identity of the nation

This principle, however, in no way entails what you rather hysterically anticipate as "a general and progressive tendency to send home the masterpieces of every nation". It is regrettable that The Times should adopt this sort of tone and thus fall into the very trap of "excesses of rhetoric and cyewash" that it says it fears. The claim for the Parthenon January 10,

may prove a handicap to them in years to come. Yours faithfully. ondon Borough of Enfield,

DAVID CONWAY. Members' Room, PO Box No 50, Silver Street, December 14.

including many perspectives rather than just one or none at all.

Mr Scruton assumes that peace education has the essentially political aim of indoctrinating children in a particular viewpoint. This may be true in a tiny minority of cases but in no way represents the work done by most teachers. Rather it is the very natural and proper concern of teachers to educate young people about a subject which is of global importance and intense public debate.

Yours sincerely JOHN McCONNELL Peace Education Officer, Quaker Peace & Service, Friends House, Euston Road, NW1. January 4.

superiority.

From Dr John Herbert Sir, Whereas you in England are having discussions about peace studies in schools, here in Wales we have more profound problems. Our language has survived the conquest by Norman bandits and the Sassenach assumption of effortless

We have two words for "peace" in our native tongue. Heddwch describes the uneasy cessation of physical conflict with the English (which continues for brief periods in the annual rhyfel at Twickenham and the Arms Park). But nowadays in Wales, as befits a nation of preachers and teachers, we are more thoughtfully engaged in pursuing tangnefedd, that spiritual peace enjoyed in heaven where all discussion is in Latin, but all the hymns are sung in Welsh. Yours sincerely.

marbles is further differentiated

from other claims by the fact, repeatedly stressed, that these sculptures were once an integral part

of one of the greatest monuments of

antiquity, from which they were

forcibly removed. The view of

modern archaeological science, too,

is that such works are best studied in

JOHN HERBERT Lliswerry High School, Nash Road, Newport. Gwent. January 10.

Sir, A number of questions are Mr Kinnock", January 7).

close proximity to the monuments they formerly completed. Furthermore, to say that Britain's legal title to the marbles is "beyond serious dispute" is simply untrue. It is seriously disputed by the Greek Government, and this indeed is one of the grounds of the official request for their return. from which they were taken.

There is, Sir. only one honourable course of action for the British Government to take. Yours faithfully, GRAHAM BINNS, Acting Chairman, ELENI CUBITT, Secretary,

The British Committee for the Restitution of the Parthenon Marbles.

13a Hillgate Street, W8.

from data Bill From Mr A. Sandison

Risk to records

Sir. Dr Currie's admirable letter (January 10) draws attention to the risks to future historical records from certain provisions in the Data Protection Bill.

The important point for historians, is that their most valuable data come from records which are compiled with no thought of history in mind. Every record is thus potentially of historical value. It is only some time after its compilation that, with manual files, questions of disposal arise and advice of archivists and historians is obtained.

Computer files are all too easily destroyed, and with the Bill as now worded future historians may be starved of material. All that is needed is a clause saying that nothing in the Bill shall prevent the retention for historical purposes of at least one copy in any appropriate form of records which, but for the Bill, would previously have been

This is but one of many examples in the Bill of wording which is quite inappropriate to the realities of modern computer technology. The crucial definition of "data" is entirely otiose, because everything in print can already be read and processed by computer. Your same issue reports similar developments for the spoken word.

in a letter to me the Home Office have admitted that anyone posses-sing a bundle of paid cheques will (with present wording) be required to register as a data user because he controls the contents and use of a collection of data sorted automatically by reference to living individuals! Most owners of computer printout will be data users on similar grounds. And wording to achieve that has passed the Lords twice, despite the fact that in the same letter the Home Office say they have been aware of the point for about a

уеаг! There are very major issues here. How can the parliamentary procedures be revised to bring appropriare technical expertise into all the stages of drafting new legislation before it is presented for first reading?

mere spending agents, like the district health authorities in the Yours faithfully, A. SANDISON, 93 Ridgmount Gardens, WC1. But it may perhaps give food for thought to backbench MPs, particu-January 10. larly those of my own party whose seats were Labour in the not-too-

Removal of glands

From Mr Barry Slade

Sir, I read with some interest but mostly dismay your article (January 7) on the selling of pituitary glands by mortuary staff. It stated that the pituitary glands are sold "for medical research". It should have read "for therapeutic purposes".

The pituitary glands, which are removed with the permission of the next of kin or of the coroner and procedures imposed by the Human Tissue Act (1961), are collected periodically by the staff of the National Pituitary Collection Service at the Children's Hospital, Sheffield. The human growth hormone is extracted from these glands (which have been frozen) and is then used to treat children suffering from a deficiency in normal growth

This enables them to attain normal height. To continue normal growth each child requires the prepared extract from 11/2 pituitary glands every week during the growth period.

It is true that the NPCS pays 25p for glands collected in public mortuaries (staff in NHS mortuaries collect them as a service free of charge). But it would be a pity if allegations that these arrangements are "a fiddle" created public mistrust for a service which is of great value to children with a deficiency in growth hormone. Yours faithfully. BARRY SLADE.

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Cold comfort From Mr Andrew Stroug

Sir, Charles McKean's thoughts on "The house of 1994" ("Saturday", January 7) will surely have sent a shiver down the spine of any reader familiar with some of the ill-fated attempts to introduce radical change into housebuilding over the past 50

years.

Mr McKean points out that the lifestyle of the 1994 family will militate against "high tech" and call for a heavier heat-retaining structure, yet he goes on to describe lightweight building methods and materials (including compressed straw bales) which are effectively unknown and untried in housing construction in the United King-

While current, proven housebuilding methods can certainly be further refined, not least to meet the changing needs of future homeowners, visions of a brave new world must not be allowed to obscure the hard-learned lessons of the past

Yours faithfully, ANDREW STROUD. Cement and Concrete Association. 52 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.

Banned but delivered

From Dr D. B. Morgan-Williams Sir. I have just attempted to deliver a letter to your neighbour, the Editor of The Sunday Times. Without any explanation a picket barred me from delivering the envelope.

The picket also told me that they did not care what I did with my letter. Even if I put a stamp on it they would prevent the Post Office from delivering it.

Yours truly, D. B. MORGAN-WILLIAMS,

Whitelea. Beech Close. Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire. January 18.

Is this legal?



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE January 18: Princess Alexandra, President of the Royal Common-wealth Society for the Blind, this morning visited the headquarters at Haywards Heath and, subsequently, attended a luncheon in honour of Sir John and Lady Wilson at Balcombe Place, West Sussex, Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh. Patron of the Windsor Rugby Football Club. will attend the annual Post Minders' dinner at the clubhouse, in Windsor

Birthdays today The Right Rev S. F. Allison. 77:
Major-General Raymond Briggs. 89:
Judge Sir Jonathan Clarke. 54: Mr
Michael Crawford. 42: Mr Bernard
Dunstan. 64: Lord Glentoran. 72:
Mr W. K. Goldsmith. 46: Sir Alex
Jarratt. 60: Mr Bernard Lester. 52:
Verification of the street of th The Right Rev S. F. Allison, 77; Jarratt. 60: Mr Bernard Lester, 52: Colonel Terence Maxwell, 79: Brigadier Helen Meechie, 46: Mr Sigel Nicolson, 67: Senor Javier Marwi Perez de Cuellar, 64; Lord Porchester, 60; Sir Victor Raikes.

Dinner

United Wards' Club The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Linited Wards' Club of the City of London at Mansion House last night. Mr Ronald Nichols, presi-dent accompanied by Mrs Nichols. was in the chair, and the other speakers were the Rev Basil Watson, Mr Deputy Bernard Morgan, the Lord Mayor, Mr R. W. Nichols and Canon Richard Tydeman. Among those present

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Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Howard Colvin, Mr Jeremy Benson, Mr Anthony Emery, Mr Jeremy Beecham, and Mr Peter Burnham to be members of the new Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England and

of the Society for the Protection of

LENS, COLLEGE

following elections to e Scholarships and Exhi-have been made at

diamond jubilee of the British Leprosy Relief Association. The Duke of Edinburgh, president, will attend the president's dinner at the Naval and Military Club on

February 20. The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a luncheon given by Hamish Hamilton at Stationers' Hall on February 21. The Queen and the Duke of

Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a luncheon for President Pertini of Italy on February 23 and in the evening with the president, will visit the Genius of Venice Exhibition at the

Royal Academy dinner at the clubhouse, in Windsor
Home Park on February 13.

The Queen will attend a service of thanksgiving at All Hallows-by-theTower, on February 16, to mark the

University news

A new chair in public sector accountancy jointly funded by Peat Marwick Mitchell and Company and the university, is to be established. The holder will be named the Peat Marwick professor 83: Mr Simon Rattle 29: Mr John Stanley, MP, 42; the Earl of Wernyss and March. 72. of public sector economics, finance

Social Science Research Council: £186,920 to the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences for an addition research centre

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(ax paid): Bailey, Janet Hamilton of Twickennam. London, Janet Hamilton Smith, the former opera singer £104,988

Bartram, Miss Dorothy Sophia, of Felmingham, Norfolk£729.820 Galloway, Mrs Margaret Stennitt, of Clifton, Rugby, Warwickshire £560.150

Landale, Mr Eric Norman, of Belgravia London £587,810 Morton-Smith, Mr Frederick, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire £495,031 Pointer, Mr Peter Howard of

Norwich. Norfolk, company director and chairman of the Harrogate International Hotel£1,733,156

Scholarships to Cambridge

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Bloomsbury remembered: Pamela Diamand (left) and Angelica Garnett at the Anthony d'Offay gallery, Dering Street, London, yesterday after the opening of an exhibition commemorating the short-lived Omega Workshops founded in 1913 by Pamela Diamand's father, Roger Fry. Angelica Garnett is the daughter of Duncan Grant and Vanessa Bell, two other Bloomsbury artists involved in the Omega. The exhibition continues until March 6 (Photograph: John Voos)

London Festival Ballet 'will be one of the survivors'

yesterday that it faced closure through a continuing deficit of £200,000. Weiss, Mr Gerry

company's chairman, said that the deficit, which was as high as the ballet has ever had to face. posed serious difficulties, but ones that could be overcome.

This company has extri-cated itself from financial problems sometimes more serious, and sometimes less serious. It is one of the survivors in the world and I am totally convinced that it will go on surviving, Mr Weiss said, the company's launching

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The London Festival Ballet concerned about its long-term "The same White Paper future because of the threat to referred to the GLC's South its income from the abolition of Bank complex being run on the Greater London Council, 'commercially viable' lines a which provides half its funds. statement which, if taken The White Paper on the literally, would preclude it from abolition of the metropolitan being run as a group of concert authorities singles out the ballet. halls at all. with eight other arts organizations, for special grants when government is rationa-

lized. But the company said in a statement: "The precise ar-rangement for such funding has not yet been clarified and the company remains concerned both for its own future and that of other dance centres and Nutcracker had proved an companies for whom the overwhelming success, with prospect of funding elsewhere average audiences of 97 per

the world are attempting to

detect cosmic messages so subtle that they challenge the

finest instruments of measure-

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this quest, now two decades old.

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are gravitational waves

"The Festival Hall is of importance to us. It remains our most popular London venue and it is essential that we can continue to confidently plan seasons there."

The company said that its Christmas season at the Festival Hall with Cinderella and The

Science report

Physicists in pursuit of key to

elusive cosmic messages

By Walter Sullivan, New York Times Science Editor

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Moreover, the detectors at

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Recently, Italian physicists cosmos is a collapsing star

the right sort of evidence for oscillations arriving at the considered.

at Rome and near Geneva every 718 minutes.

Most clergy | OBITUARY

PROFESSOR SIR RONALD **TUNBRIDGE**

Diabetes and gerontology

bridge. OBE, JP, consultant in dispatches, physician and Professor of He gave up Religious Affairs Correspondent Medicine at the University of time and energy to many Leeds 1946-71 died on January societies and institutions. He The clergy of the Church of England have continued to vote 12 at the age of 77.

His main interests in medi-

doctor - he strongly favoured

heavily against proposals for remarrying divorcees in church. The proposals, known as cine had been in diabetes, "option G", are now certain to rheumatism, and rehabilitation be in serious trouble when they and gerontology, but he was a come before the General Synod fine general physician of wide

against

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By Clifford Longley

In the diocese of Peterborough a meeting of the clergy voted against the proposals by 190 votes to 30. according to 190 unofficial sources. In Chichester, it is reported, they were defeated by 350 to 19; in possible understanding between Portsmouth by 92 to 15; in possible understanding between doctor and patient, doctor and

Among a series of propositions put to the clergy in Chester, one against "option G" and in favour of continuing the old discipline won 131 votes and other health professionals and the general public. old discipline won 131 votes out of a meeting of 197, with 34 To his own patients, staff and favouring "option G".

In Norwich the vote was and compassion and a bluff described as 60 per cent for the Yorkshire honesty. His concern described as 60 per cent for inc view that "option G" was unacceptable, 64 per cent that it was unworkable. In Ely it was deleated by "a substantial majority".

The meetings are being held by the hishops after a decision

Yorkshire honesty. Fits concern for his students was lifelong. A big man and essentially a shy man he could be gruff and tough if he thought he detected anything shoddy, devious or unjust.

He was born on June 2, 1906,

by the bishops after a decision by the House of Bishops to "consult" their clergy before the final decison is made, and different bishops have chosen different procedures for this

In Oxford and York, it is understood, meetings have been on an archdeacoury rather than a diocese basis. The indications are that the same pattern of

voting has emerged there.

The pattern is that quite a number of clergy would reluctantly cooperate with the newprocedures even though they do not like them. But there is a strong curent running in favour of two variations on what is

Called the status quo.

One is that divorced couples of 93. should be offered only a service of blessing after a civil ceremony, with a preference for States, she joined Mrs Dale's standard "official" service Diary for the first episode, which the Church has not had which went out in January so far, the other is that the 1948, and was still in the cast a clergyman to marry a divorced couple at his discretion, should be formalized

into a general policy. A constant complaint appears to be that the clergy are now being asked to comment on detailed proposals for remarrying divorcees when they were not consulted by the General Synod before it took its decision in principle two years ago.

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The most sensitive detector

10ft long and 3ft in diameter, is super-cooled to eliminate heat-

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A better way of looking for

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Other schemes for detecting

gravity waves by radio tracking

of spacecraft are also being

passing ripple in space-time.

perated effects.

Professor Sir Ronald Tun- appointed OBE and mentioned He gave unreservedly of his

was president of the Heberden Society in 1954 and 1955 and its orator in 1956; vice president of the British Diabetic Association and Banting Memorial lecture 1956; chairman of the for final approval next month. competence and concern. His DHSS standing medical advispresidential address to the ory committee 1963-72; vice president of Age Concern and of the Medical Defence Union founder of the British Council for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled 1972; chairman of the Hospital records committee 1964 and health of hospital staff committee 1968: as indicated earlier, president of the BMA in 1974 and also chairman of its board of science 1968-72 president of the Association of Physicians 1977-78; and a

councillor and examiner for the Royal College of Physicians. colleagues he radiated kindness Among many other reponsibilities he was prominently involved in the organization of the first three international congresses of gerontology receiving the Bobst Award of the International Association in 1957 - and in the work of the Central Health Services Council

He was born on June 2, 1906. the son of the Rev W. J. Tunbridge and was educated at and the King Edward's fund for hospitals in London. He was appointed JP in 1958 Kingswood, Bath; and Leeds University, where he gained first class honours in physiology and qualified in medicine with was knighted in 1967. He also received honorary doctorates in science from the universities of honours in 1931, proceeding MD and MRCP in 1933, and being elected FRCP in 1944.

During service in the RAMC 1941-46 he was adviser in medicine in Malta and later consultant in Germany, being distinction in medicine.

Dorothy Lane, the actress who played Mrs Freeman in the

present legal loophole, allowing when the programme was a clergyman to marry a finally taken off the air in April

was the owner of a cat called Captain and the mother-in-law of Mrs Dale, the doctor's wife, whose diary of middle class life in a provincial town was broadcast daily at four in the afternoon. At its peak, in the] 162 tg. len a

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Hull, Leeds and Warwick and was honoured in Canada and Sri Lanka. He married in 1935 Dorothy

Gregg. They had two sons both of whom have also achieved

DOROTHY LANE

long-running radio serial, Mrs Dale's Diary, has died at the age

After a varied acting career. spent partly in the United States, she joined Mrs Dale's 1969.

Her character, Mrs Freeman 1950s, the serial drew huge audiences and Dorothy Lane

voices on radio. In 1962 the programme

moved its setting to a new town and was re-named The Dales but Mrs Freeman remained as the pillar of traditional values. While Dorothy Lane played the character throughout, there were two Mrs Dales, the second being the former musical comedy star, Jessie Matthews. and three Dr Dales.

Though she was nearly 80 when *The Dales* finished, Dorothy Lane continued to work in radio until compelled to retire through failing sight. she spent the last years of her life in Denville Hall, the home for actors, at Northwood in

MR YOSHIO KODAMA

Mr Yoshio Kodama, who died in Tokyo on January 17 at the age of 72, was a powerful figure in the corridors of power in Japan who went on trial in 1977 on charges of playing an important part in the Lockheed bribes scandal.

extreme nation went back to the 1930s when he was involved in opposition activities. During the Second World War he was in Shanghai with the job of procuring supplies for the Japanese forces. and he succeeded in amassing a personal fortune which he put

to use in later vears. He was imprisoned by the occupation authorities at the end of the war, but was released

Ernest Laszlo, who had a long career as a Hollywood film cameraman and won an Oscar in 1965 for his work on Ship of Fools, has died at the age of 85.

Born in Hungary, he went to America in the 1920s and started in the cinema as an Sir William Watson, who died

on January 10 at the age of 81, was Treasurer of the Bank of Scotland from 1952 to 1966, and a director from 1944 to 1971. He was president of the

in 1948 and became active in right-wing politics. Kodama used his wealth to

help finance the Liberal Democratic Party from its earliest days, and developed close links with several leading politicians, including Mr Kakuei Tanaka, Kodama was known for his the former Prime Minister. But ied benina inc and only became known to the public in 1976 when he was accused of receiving millions of dollars in bribes and gifts from Lockheed, and of income las evasion on a corresponding scale.

He appeared in court once to face the charges in 1977. But he was soon bedridden after a stroke, and the trial was

ERNEST LASZLO

Institute of Bankers in Scotland

suspended.

assistant cameraman in 1927. Among his many pictures were Road to Rio. Vera Cruz. Kiss

Me Deadly. Inherit the Wind. Judgment at Nuremberg, It's a Mad Mad Mad World, Star! and Airport. His son, Andrew, is also a film cam-

Sir Myles Abbott, who died in Bermuda on January 12 at the age of 77, was Chief Justice of Bermuda from 1961 to 1971. and before that had been a Federal Justice of the Federal Supreme Court of Nigeria from 1957 to 1961.

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Walker v Mullen Before Mr Justice Comyn [Judgment delivered January 18]

Where a father had lost carnings because, instead of returning to his job in Jordan, he had stayed in England to be with his wife and his adult son while the son was in hospital as a result of a road accident which had been caused by the defendant's negligence, that loss could not be recovered in damages in an action brought in respect of the accident.

Mr Justice Comyn so held in the Queen's Bench Division, giving udgment for the plaintiff, Mr Kevin Gordon Walker, in an action which he had brought against the defendant. Mr Kevin John Mullen. in respect of a road accident in which the plaintiff had been seriously injured.

Mr Edward Southwell for the

MR JUSTICE COMYN said that oraiseworthy or natural action by a through his son's illness to be with generous act which was entirely

Such examples of family life needed to be encouraged and his Lordship had accordingly strongly desired to award damages in respect of earnings which the plaintiff's father had lost by remaining in England during the plaintiff's second spell in hospital rather than returning to Jordan at the end of his

time of the accident had sustained fractures of his right tibia and fibula which had failed properly to reunite and had necessitated a further hospitalization for a bone graft. However, his Lordship had come

with great reluctance, to the conclusion that the law as it stood did not permit such a claim to succeed because it was too remote from and not sufficiently attachable to the accident. In Kirkham v Boughey ([1958] 2

QB 338). Mr Justice Diplock had held that, although it had been reasonable for a husband to remain in England, thus losing earnings, to look after his severely injured wife and two small children following a road accident, such loss would not reasonably have been within the contemplation of the defendant and thus too remote from the accident to be recovered.

His Lordship was not to be taken as approving all that Mr Justice Diplock had said in that case, but it nevertheless indicated that a husband who in such circumstances had reasonably lost earnings by seeking to take his share of the load could not in law recover them against the tortlessor. The plaintiff had been in hospital

in all for 71 days and was left with a

half-inch shortening of his right leg, a limp, and extensive scarring of the

leg and hip. On a full hability basis

general damages for pain, suffering and loss of amenity would be £8,500, and special damages, including the cost of his mother travelling to and from hospital, had been agreed at £3,265. The plaintiff had been 25 per cent contributorily negligent, and the total award, with interest, would be reduced to Solicitors: Boxall & Boxall; Hall-

Warning on summary judgments

J. Heyes and Others v Lord Derby and Another

Hearing applications for summary judgment brought under Order 14 of the Rules of the Hearing applications Supreme Court in cases where questions of construction or other points of law were raised by a defendant a court having fully understood what the question was, regarding it as difficult and the er to it as doubtful, ought ordinarily purport to decide the question unless both parties agreed. A furtiori, a court should ordinarily take that course in the absence of the agreement of the parties where the answer could be affected by evidence which was not summons but which might be

adduced at a trial.

Lord Justice Slade, sitting with Lord Justice Watkins in the Court of Appeal on January 18, so stated in allowing appeals by Lord Derby. the defendant and Pilkington Brothers plc, the third party, in actions over damage to crops, from an order for summary judgment made by Mr Justice Whitford on HIS LORDSHIP beld that Lord

PIS LOCALISTIF Beil hal Lote Derby's argument, and that on behalf of Pikingtons on the valuation of damage on which the plaintiff's claim was based, gave rise to a guestion of construction that

ought to be tried.

It was arguable that the valuation

a "speaking" valuation - could be impugned if a court was satisfied that it had been made by the valuer appointed by the parties on a fundamentally erroneous basis. The point of construction involved was not a simple and obvious one that ought to be dealt with on an Order 14 summons. Unconditional leave to defend would be given.

Transferring building society funds

Regina v Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, Ex parte New Cross Building Society Sir John Donaldson, Master of

the Rolls, Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Stade approved on January 17 an agreed order regarding the moneys paid into court by the New Cross Building Society during the hearing in canera of the successful appeal by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies from Mr Justice Webster's order on the society's application for judicial review (The Times

It was ordered that all moneys paid into court by the New Cross Building Society on and after December 12, 1983, pursuant to their undertaking, be paid out forthwith to the society together with interest thereon and that all such moneys and interest he dealt a schedule to the order. The schedule provided inter alia

that on receipt of the moneys paid out of court, the society should pay them into an account with a London clearing bank designated "Funds in Court Account to be operated jointly by the society and the Woolwich Equitable Building Society. The schedule dealt in detail with the rights of depositors under

It was stated that everything was favourable for a transfer of the society's engagements to the Woolwich in early March and that provision was made for carly payment in cases of hardship.It was understood that a joint committee of New Cross and Woolwich was considering hardship on a daily

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the court agreed that it was a proper way of dealing with the

In his judgment on December 21 he had said that it had seemed to the court that depositors who had paid money to the society while the appeal was being heard which they would not have done had the proceedings been in open court might have a legitimate grievance which the court should seek to

In the appeal the society had undertaken to pay into court day by day a sum equal to the total amount deposited with the society during the previous day.

The court had safeguarded the interests of depositors during icaring *in caincra.*

Arbitration survives assignment

Rumput (Panama) SA v Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines

An assignee of a debt claiming against the debtor where the debt arose out of a contract subject to an arbitration agreement daimer through or under the assignment within section 1 of the Arbitrality to the arbitration agreement which it referred a right to insist on disputes being arbitrated. Mr Jastot Bingham held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Beach Division on January 18.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the derivative nature of an assigner's claim was underlined by the rule that the assignee took subject to equities and by the practice of joining the assignor as either plaintiff or defendant in bringing suits on an equitable assignment : a legal chose in action.

Therefore, where there was assignment of earning and the assigner brought suit, the defendant would be entitled to raise defendant which would be assigned to raise defended to the state of which would have been good against the assignor, otherwise. defendant was not entitled to seek 2 stay, he would be deprived of he nght to arbitrate.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Midland troubleshooter flies to California

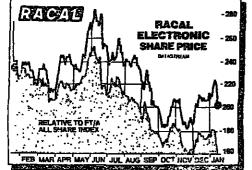
banking subsidiary Crocker National Corporation. Mr John Harris, chief executive of Midland Bank International. is being put in to bo!ster Corcker's management - a move that should be as welcome in the United States as it will be here among Midland's shareholders and

Mr Harris is becoming senior vice chairman and a director of Crocker. This will make him number two in the organization below the incumbent chairman and chief executive Mr John Place. Mr Harris is not replacing anyhody; his position is a new one, no heads will roll and those baying for blood may be disappointed.

At 49. Mr Harris has risen rapidly in the Midland to head the international side, A determined and thoughtful man, he faces a tough task in trying to sort out Crocker and restore its profitability to an adequate level after a year which saw Crocker tumbling into a net loss of \$10.4m after having made a special provision against property loans of \$107m.

The only people surprised by Crocker's fall from grace appear to have been the Midland board. The published figures on reserves, bad debt experience and nonperforming loans all pointed one way down, Moreover, question marks still remain over the relationship between Midland and Crocker. The original acquisition agreement tied Midland's hands and left Crocker free to operate autonomously (and as it proved riskilly with Midland's capital) and although that position has now changed, it is not obvious just how much influence Midland can exert in a major American bank. At some stage presumably it would make sense to try to buy out the minority holding in Crocker although the Midland can ill afford to do so at the moment.

Mr Harris's appointment to Crocker will stretch the Midland's management resources. The yawning gap on the international side should be filled quickly.



Racal looks to the future

Look beyond this year, that was yesterday's message from Sir Ernest Harrison as he set about, for him, the unaccustomed task of explaining a lacklustre performance by Racal electronics. The exciting sparks which have been a feature of Racal performances will be missing this year. At the interim stage pretax profits advanced a tiny 2.5 per cent to £48,733,000. For the full year (to end-March) Sir Ernest said growth will be modest.

The current year inevitably has been one of consolidation, the sort which

Decisive action by the Midland Bank was afflicts most growth orientated business clearly called for in the wake of calamities where energies and resources have been 21 its 57 per cent owned Californian expended on operations which will make important contributions in the future. Problems at Racal-Milgo off-shoot in Miami have also taken their toll. Sir Ernest, who has installed new management at R-M, was scathing about the old guard. It has lost touch with detail "and if you lose touch with detail, problems follow - and they did". They have been resolved and Miami's contributioin in 1983-1984 will be 40 per cent better.

A sharp and unquantified shortfall in profits expected from tactical radio has blunted Racal's edge and here the recovery may not be as quick. Strategic radio however is beginning to make strides. The star performer, still rising is defence radar, proving the value of acquiring Decca. The new financial year will start with orders of

Cellular (cordless) radio is one area which should generate exceptional growth although it will make losses for a few years (£3m next year, £12m the following year and £8m in 1985-1986). Then it is expected to make profits in Britain alone, of £37m before the end of the decade.

Some of yesterday's gathering at the Royal Lancaster Hotel were a little miffed that the Racal management was not quite as forthcoming as it has been in the past. Even so, when the action starts again next year. £150m seems a feasible result.

3i opens to public view

For a body which has £3 billion invested in British companies of every size, 3i (formerly Investors in Industry) has succeeded remarkably in keeping out of the public eye. That may be changing. As the recovery proceeds, as the balance of the economy tilts further away from manufacturing industry toward services and the financial sector, and as institutions become more conscious of their investment role, 3i is tempted not only to expand, but to be seen more often doing it.

The group's skills and reputation rest on two central pillars: the ability to provide a much wider range of services, from technical advice to equity investment, than almost all merchant banks and insurance companies offer, and a welldeveloped capacity to take risks, which is underwritten by a gearing ratio of little more than four to one. These attributes have enabled 3i to raise money at very fine rates. It is a licensed deposit taker, a significant operator in the money market, and a respected name in the Euromarkets.

It is possible for 3i to increase its own equity capital, but with reserves standing at around £1billion that should not be necessary, not least in the eyes of the shareholding banks. The argument points, therefore, toward a modest increase in gearing.

At the same time, 3i can be expected to market its services more publicly. That in itself is a welcome development. A body first conceived in 1944 by the Bank of England as an instrument for rebuilding post-war British industry should be better known by now. A group with 3i's status and experience ought also to have contributed more to the public debate about how much and what kind of

NEWS IN BRIEF

New index is named **SE 100**

The London International Financial Futures Exchange is well advanced in drawing up two new contracts, a stock index tutures contract and a US Treasury bond futures contract, minority of Dixor shareholders which could be launched in the

The new index is an official Stock Exchange construct and will be called the SE 100. As it currently stands, the draft of influential shareholders in-contract calls for a stock index cluding Mr Michael Dinsmore, of 100 representative com- a former Dixor director, who namies which, unlike existing originally formed a consortiu fT indices, would be up dated Acceptances totalled 87 pe electronically every minute.

The 100 companies will all have large capitalizations, will be fully listed British com- held by Mr Norman Davis. panies, and will be selected by an independent panel representing a wide spectrum of participants in the British equity market.

3 Shares on the New York Stock Exchange started to slide in early trading after first making modest gains. The Dow Jones industrial average was cown more than two points at about 1269.

P News Corporation's offering et oly per cent 10-year bonds on the Swiss Capital Market was highly successful and will be the first public issue by a foreign corrower in Switzerland to have an amount surpassing Sw Fr 100m, according to a source

involved with the offering @ Rediffusion Simulation yesterday made a significant gain in the world market for flight simulators, which has seen orders from commercial airline halved in the past two years. The British company signed a \$9m deal to update a US Airforce E-3A Sentry early

warning aircraft simulator. Penazoil said it is prepared to raise its tender offer for Getty to £125 a share, matching Texaco's bid - the record-breaking \$11 billion offer.

investment Britain needs. It is not too late Dixor shareholders again

oppose Henara offer

Dixor-Strand have again written to fellow shareholders to reinforce their claim that the 14p offer from Henara is

inadequate. Mr Anthony Laker and Mr Daniel Levy claim they have the support of the substantial who have not accepted the Henara offer but acknowledge that the chances of raising the bid are slim.

But they do have the backing cent, but this includes the 80 per cent of share owned by Mr

Acceptances totalled 87 per Lerner and further 1 per cent Dixor's chairman. Yesterday Mr Levy claimed that if they had been able to get their complaint.

advisor to revise the US growth

forecasts for next year and

that despite rising political pressures. Mr Reagan has

rejected all the substantive

deficit reduction proposals. He

is also cool to the suggestion to

appoint a special bipartisan

deficit commission to resolve

Earlier this week, 118 mem-

bers of Congress, including 74 Democrats and 44 Republicans,

sent a joint resolution to the

President urging him to appoint

the budget impasse.

White House officials said

Two dissident shareholers in arguments across earlier Henara would not have received any acceptances from other share

He argues that the 15p all share offer - which has subsequently fallen to 14p because Henara's share price has fallen is lower than the market price had been in 2½ years. He and his fellow dissidents want more information on how the offer price was workd out after the shares were suspended last October at 32p.

Mr Lerner says the offer will not be increased and that the original circular that Mr Levy and Mr Laker sent to shareholders contained several er-

The two admit in yesterday's letter to making "arithmetical errors" but say that does not alter the substance of the

emphasis on self-regulation

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Gower seeks stiffer rules, but

Registration of prospectuses

Plans for tougher rules to govern Britain's investment advisers were unveiled yesterday by Professor Laurence 'Jim' Gower to a City establishment which broadly applauded his ideas for the policing of financial markets.

The Council for the Securities Industry (CSI) said it was encouraged by the amount of self-regulation suggested by Professor Gower, the Stock Exchange said the latest report is preferable to initial thoughts which would have given a government department power to intervene in the rule-making of self-regulatory agencies.

Mr Norman Tebbt, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. said: "Professor Gower is to be congratulated on providing us with a comprehensive survey and a coherent set of proposals.
... his self-regulation within a framework of statutory supervision may well be a way

Mr Peter Shore, Opposition pokesman on trade and indusry, said he welcomed Professor Gower's clear acceptance of the need for legislation to give greater protection to investors.
"We need an end to the

PSBR over

target

for year

By Frances Williams

The public sector borrowed £10.1 billion in the first nine months of 1983-1984 financial

year, slightly more than the Government's revised £10 bil-

lion target for the full year

announced in November. But

Government revenues com-

monly exceed spending in the

first quarter each year, the main

tax-gathering season, raising the possibility that the final out-

come may undershoot the

In addition there are encour-

aging signs that the Govern-

ment's own spending, which has been racing ahead of plans, may

The public sector borrowing

requirement in December was £1.3 billion, much in line with

market expectations, according to Treasury figures published

yesterday. So far this financial

year state borrowing is running some £2.5 billion higher than in

the same period in 1982-1983,

when the final PSBR outcome

But the Treasury is confident

that the massive spending spree

by government departments at

the end of the last financial year

will not be repeated this time. Officials believe that the Chan-

cellor's July measures, which

knocked £500m off permitted

spending and increased planned asset sales by a further £500m,

PUBLIC SECTOR BORROWING REQUIREMENT

£m, not seasonally adjusted

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1980-81 9,173 13,817 13,187
1981-82 6,481 8,740 8,785
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Q3 2,849 3,066 3,244
Q4 2,728 2,513 3,061
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Dec 1,017 1,360 1,302

central and local government

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was £9.2 billion.

now be coming under control.

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ual investors and public confidence." he said. Professor Gower's proposals are based on a simple premise: anyone involved in the investment business will be governed either by a self-regulatory body recognized as such by the Department of Trade and

a. Total no. of registered

Originally, Professor Gower wanted the City's self-regulation system divided into four agencies membership of whom would be defined by business undertaken rather than pro-

Industry, or by the department

However there has been City resistence to this and he now accepts that the methods of should be through

present muddle as well as the existing self-regulatory bodies recurring scandals which do so and those yet to be formed much damage both to individthrough a strengthened CSI which would be responsible to

the Department of Trade and

Industry. This would be done

through a new legislation, the

Investor Protection Act. Compensation funds similar to that operated by the Stock Exchange will be required if self regulatory bodies are to be recognized as such.

Professor Gower contro-versial proposal is to extend to the unit trusts the facility to "cold call", effectively the doorto-door selling now done by life insurance companies.

He would like to ban cold calling altogether, but, he said, the two forms of investment are now inextricably linked. In any case his extension would be to formalize what happens.

that both the Unit Trust Association (UTA) and the Life 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 Total Offices Association (LOA) draw up code of conduct for salesman would remove the worst abuses.
A spokesman for the LOA said the report would allow it to

press on with a code of conduct on which a discussion paper went out last October. Professor Gower also rec-

ommends the CSI become the authority for vetting prospectuses for securities not intended to be listed on the in Stock Exchange or the unlisted Securities Market.

In five years the proportion of prospectuses not seeking a listing on either rose to almost 30 per cent of the total.

Instead they are often traded on an over-the-counter market where the dealer is the issuing house, underwriter and market-Professor Gower as a poten-tially dangerous practice. His idea is for the CSI to make rules covering these operations.

Professor Gower's register of investment advisers will include journalist involved in tipping

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Report urges tougher tax powers

By Jonathan Davis Financial Correspondent

There is no widespread voidance or evasion of the main taxes on capital transfer, property and oil, a report by the Government-appointed Keith Committee on Taxation con-

cluded yesterday.

Despite this, it nevertheless recommends heavier penalties for offenders and greater powers of search and enforcement for the Inland Revenue in the four areas covered by the report.

These are Petroleum Revenue Tax, Capital Transfer Tax. Development Land Tax and the various forms of stamp duty. Together, they account for more than £6,000m a year of government revenues.

In general, compliance with all four is good, the committee - chaired by Lord Keith of Kinkel

Justifying why it feels obliged to make 73 recommendations for change, the committee says that it is anxious to bring penalties and the Inland Revenue's enforcement powers into line with its proposals last year for changes in the field of income and capital gains tax.

In particular, it proposes extending and formalizing the Inland Revenue's powers to search premises in pursuit of tax fraud, and says penalties for tax offences should be linked to the sums of money at issue rather set at arbitrary levels.

On capital transfer tax (CTT), the committee says that in cases of fraud or wilful default, the Inland Revenue should be able to claim unpaid tax for a back period of up to 20 years.

The report discloses that out of total CTT payments of £500m last year, only £37m related to transfers of capital made in people's lifetimes, as

opposed to on death. In the six years since the tax was introduced, the Inland Revenue has only succeeded in raising £10,100 in penalties.

This prompted a controversial spate of bidding by the two companies until Allianz Committee on Enforcement decided to withdraw from the battle on December 30 taking a Powers of the Revenue Departments: Report, Vol Three. Cmnd 9120. HMSO (£9.95).

to 821 record

session in more than eight months yesterday, as the FT Index leapt 14.1 to a fresh record of 821.2.

Renewed enthusiasm by investors caught many jobbers on the hop and finally dispelled suggestions that the market had been overbought. It was estimated that more than £2,000m had been added to share values before the close of business last night in one of the busiest day's trading the market has experienced in a long time.

Dealers are now alking of the index reaching 1,000 this year if this momentum can be maintained.

The gilts market was more subdued, failing to hold onto earlier gains of nearly 50p. At the longer end of the rises were restricted to 25p. But applications for the new "tap". Treasury Convertible, 10 per cent, 1990, were oversubscribed. luvestors who applied for stock above the £96 tender price have been allotted stock in full, as have those who applied for up to £500,000 of stock. But applications of up to £1m will receive only £500,000, while those applying for more than £1m will receive about 46.09 per

ceut of that figure.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 821.2 up 14.1 FT Gilts: 82.23 down 0.04 FT All Share: 497.74 up 6.35 Bargains: 27,779 Datastream USM Leaders Index: 102.71 up 1.59 New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: 1272.40 up 0.94

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Sovereigns* (new): \$86.50-\$87.50 (£61.25-£62) *Excludes VAT

Trafalgar House may not | Commodore renew bid for P&O

even if the Monopolies Commission gives the go-ahead when it is due to report next month.

Mr Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar, told shareholders at yesterday's Annual Meeting. "We have not made up our minds about P & O and we have no commitment to proceed or withdraw".

Mr Broackes also denied suggestions that Trafalgar was ded.

Trafalgar House will not be running short of cash and would forced into renewing its £290m soon be calling on shareholders contested bid for Peninsular for more. He said: "Borrowings and Oriental Steam Navigation in December totalled £160m. I do not regard that as an uncomfortable level".

BAT Industries successfully

concluded its record £966m

takeover bid for Eagle Star

Holdings, Britains's sixth largest

insurer, yesterday afternoon. Mr Patrick Sheeby, chairman

of BAT, and Sir Denis Moun-tain, chairman of Eagle Star, marked the end of the fierce

battle for control with a

symbolic handshake at Eagle's

headquarters in Threadneedle Street in the City of London.

Sir Denis and the existing

Eagle management will con-

tinue to run the company under

the takeover terms struck with

But he warned that work on the replacement for the Atlantic Conveyor, lost in the South Atlantic, was continuing to fall behind schedule. British Shipbuilders had been up to six months late, but this may have grown to eight months. "We are very disappointed and inconvenienced", Mr Broackes ad-

appoints new chief By Geoffrey Ellis

BAT plans to use the Eagle

acquistion to increase its in-

volvement in the financial

services sector
The bidding for Eagle Star
began last October with a
£692m bid by Allianz Versiche-

rungs, West Germany's largest

insurer. BAT entered the fray

early in November with a £798m bid recommended by

the Eagle Star board.

£163m profit

Eagle into BAT: Mr Patrick Sheehy (left) and Sir Denis

Mountain yesterday (Photograph: Tony Lewis)

BAT completes record

£966m Eagle takeover

national, the American comday's news of the appointment of a new president and chief executive. Mr Marshall F Smith moving from Thyssen-Bornemisza Inc. where he was president and chief executive.

Mr Smith, aged 54, replaces Commodore's founder, Mr Jack

reasons caused his departure,

has managed to push his company forward, while competitors faltered, and in some cases, disappeared. In the past year, CBM has seized an increasingly large share of the market, particularly in the fastgrowing home area.

chine, voted Home Computer of the Year, has sold almost a quarter of a million units since its launch last Spring,

its sights on a new range of machines, for apart from the launch of an attractive (if expensive) portable version of the 64, it is now lagging behind in the competitive field of small business micros.

direction of Commodore Interputer company, follows yestertakes up the post next month.

Tramiel, who only last week saw his company announce a record \$1 billion sales figure for In a statement yesterday Mr Tramiel said that personal

but there have been rumblings for some time, with shareholders becoming increasingly uneasy at his management style, Despite their unease, Tramiel

Their Commodore 64 ma-

The company must now set moderates.

Factory earnings outstrip pay deals

Earnings in manufacturing industry are rising nearly twice as fast as basic pay deals, but **AVERAGE EARNINGS** rapid improvements in pro-ductivity have so far cushioned the impact on companies' wage costs and prices.

The Department of Employment said yesterday that manufacturing earnings rose by an underlying 9.75 per cent in the 12 months to November, while pay settlements are averaging just over 5 per cent, slightly Mar above the rate of inflation. The difference results mainly

from the pickup in manufacturing output over the year. This has boosted working hours more overtime and less short time - by 3.19 million hours a week, adding 1.25 per cent to the yearly rise in earnings. And it has put more cash into paypackets by way of productivity-related payments and

The higher earnings have been largely offset by big gains in productivity. Wage costs per unit of output in the three months to November were only 3.7 per cent higher than a year earlier, compared with an annual rise of 6.2 per cent in the same period in 1982.

Nevertheless the growing element of "wage drift" between basic settlements and earnings is bound to cause some unease

in Whitehall. Productivity growth is expected to slow in the coming year, which will push up industry's costs and hopes for lower inflation unless the rise in earnings also

The underlying increase in

Whole economy, seasonally adjusted *Provisional Source: Department of Employment

earnings for the economy as a whole was 7.75 per cent in the year to November, unchanged since the pay round began last August, and up from 7.5 per cent in the four previous months. Increased working hours accounted for 0.75 per

The Confederation of British Industry said yesterday that 75 per cent of pay deals in manufacturing since August were lower than a year earlier.

But workers are clearly reluctant to take pay rises below the level of inflation of around 5 per cent. Over the past year they push up industry's costs and have enjoyed a boost to living threaten the Government's standards of nearly 4 per cent as earnings have outstripped hig-her prices and taxes. This has been a key factor behind the

President opposed to plan for special commission

Reagan rejects pleas to cut budget deficit

From Bailey Morris, Washington

tedly decided to do nothing means of demonstrating some election to deal with the deficit" about the huge Federal budget progress on the deficit issue, deficits for the 1980s in a But Mr Reagan, apparer But Mr Reagan, apparently development which has fearing that the commission prompted his chief economics would expose deep division among Republicans on further domestic spending cuts and new tax increases, has told advisers

that he does not like the idea. The prospect of no action on the deficit and another, bitter budget battle with Congress prompted Mr Martin Feldstein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, to scale back his optimistic economic

growth forecast.
"Our forecast of slightly greater than 4 per cent growth over the next six years is appropriate only on the as- a sharp response from the sumption that there will be Treasury officials who said

President Reagan has repor- a special commission as a significant action after the there was no reason to revise Mr Feldstein said. Mr Feldstein has said that if

there is not significant action to reduce the deficit in the budget Mr Reagan will present to Congress on February 1, than the United States faces "lower real growth, higher interest rates and higher inflation". In an interview with the Wall

Street Journal yesterday, Mr Feldstein declined to comment on the specific proposals in the 1985 budget but he said that the optimistic economic forecast it contained was "not consistent" with the deficits it projected. Mr Feldstein's remarks show

said that inaction on the budget deficits projected in the neigh-bourhood of \$200 billion for the next four years would slow the US recovery to a crawl, perhaps resulting in another recession by The debate over the deficits is

downward the Administration's

forecast for 4.5 per cent growth

But a growing number of

private economists have also

expected to escalate during the coming weeks as Congress reconvenes for a new election session to hear President Reagan's State of the Union message on January 25 and receive the new budget the

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MARKET REPORT O by Michael Clark

It now looks as though soaring tea prices could turn into bumper profits at the Brooke Bond Group, famous for

its PG Tips brand. Following a seminar at broker Laurie Millbank, earlier this week rival James Capel has sharply upgraded its earlier forecast Capel is now looking for pretax profis in the present year of over £70m against last year's figure of £48.8m. This is at least £7m above the nearest

agricultural divisions. Although the group grows its were unchanged at 82p yesteronw tea it has successfully offset day. rising tea prices on its retail side

Capel's daring move was certain values.

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Brooke Bond tipped

to lead to them taking a closer look at the company and the expected profits boom from tea.

Elsewhere, jobbers were taking another beating as the lovels, but were pleased with the expected profits boom from tea.

Convertible 10 per cent 1990 for each of the month and look set to perform month and look set to perform the company in the company months.

year's figure of £48.8m. This is at least £7m above the nearest market estimate and succeeded in adding 2p to the shares at a new high of 80p.

Capel's figure is similar to the £70m Laurie Millbank is looking for in 1985 Last year Brooke Bind's grocery business accounted for about 60 per cent of profits with the remainder split between its timber and agricultural divisions.

Godfrey Davis, the Ford main dealership group which has moved into park homes and property under the guidance of chairman, Mr Cecil Redfern, is now busily casting around for a fourth husiness leg. In the meantime the existing operations are doing well and are on the road for profits of about 53.250,000 (£2,547,000) in the year 10 end March. The shares year to end March. The shares

rising tea prices on its retail side by blending it with cheaper deliveries bought last year.

The tea market in Britain is worth about £475m annually and Brooke Bond accounts for around 30 per cent of sales. Last time high of \$21.2 as over fight an analyst said that Capal's daring move was certain values.

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chartist at broker Grieveson Grant describes as a nice breakthrough point. He says the share price should hit 250p within the next four months.

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strongly in the coming months,

Meanwhile, there is some

Shares of Allied Irish Bank rose
5p to 158p yesterday despite a Ellis & Everard with the line of around 4.5 million shares purchase of an extra 250,000 (3.3 per cent) being placed in the market at about the 140p level. The seller is believed to have been another Irish bank The Occan Bank.

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Slimmer Tate & Lyle serves up fat profits

After four years of slimming through closure, sales and rationalization. Tate & Lyle, the sugar group, is in such fighting fit form that it can once more begin to consider the possibility of expansion by acquisition.

Full year figures from the company underline the astonishing recovery that has been achieved under the guidance of the managing director Mr Neil

Pretax profits for the years to the end of September are up 43 per cent to £57.3m which is £2.3m better than forecast at the time of the £42m rights issue September. The final dividend of 11.5p, lifting the total for the year to 16p agaist 13.5p last time, is also better than the 15.5p promised with the cash

It is small wonder then that DOWLV the shares leapt 18p to 433p in response to the figures yester-

Acquisitions are now very much to the forefront of the group's thinking. Searches are being conducted in both Britain and North America for com-panies that will fit the bill. Tate & Lyle wants to buy in its traditional business of sugar refining and sweeteners.

It was this business that pushed up group profits last year with its contribution worldwide rising from £27.6m to £44.4m or from 69 per cent of the total to 78 per cent.

Exceptional trading factors in North America helped profits here by between £4m and £5m. However, the group is confident rationalization and investment still feeding through, especially in Britain, it can at least match last year's profits in sugar refining and production.

in the rest of the group, the programme of disposals and closures is at an end. though there is still plenty to be done in weeding out loss makers and improving the profit performance of some of the larger companies. The big agribusiness, which lost £500.000 on sales of £31.4m last year, will receive close management at-

tention. The sale in October of the Canadian Zymaize company, creased its contribution from which makes fructose sweetcners, will be good for an extra
£7.5m on profits through loss For Dowty as a whole, better climination alone this year, and orders and margins point to a with interest charges set to fall slow recovery for the year, even further in the wake of the big if profits still fall short of the cut in horrowings that has been achieved, the company should he capable of making profits of up to £75m this year.

year to the end of September.
They rose from £413,000 to £1,2m after a fall of more than a

fifth in the interest charge to

£427,000. A final dividend of 2p

is being recommended making

a total for the year or 3p. The

group paid no dividend the year

The company said that the

Downy has suffered severely at the hands of the recession which has been especially harsh on mining and mining equip-ment suppliers. But the chairman's warnings at the last annual meeting did not prevent the market from anticipating rather more than the £11.9m pretax, down from £16.4m, which the company made in the six months to the end of September.

Turnover of £178m compared with £198m points to the difficulties in the marketplace, although some of the fall was caused by Dowty's reorganiza-tion. More important, below the line were the £4.19m of redundancy costs stemming from the reshaping of the business. The board does not expect further such costs in the second half, and that alone should speed up progress.

A breakdown of trading profits, which fell from £21.1m to £16.4m, illustrates clearly how circumstances have afflicted the group. Aerospace and defence held its own, returning £10.9m as against £10.1m.

The United States is also the key to the mining and industrial visions, whose trading profits fell sharply from £6.79m to £2.68m and from £2.12m to

By contrast, electronics in-£40.4m made last time. A slight increase in the interim dividend -from 1.65p to 1.7p is a modest indicator of a brighter future.

Anglia TV

The apparent collapse in Anglia Television's profits from £4.1m to £2.7m looks bad and is indeed worse than some of the City's more bullish estimates. But the drop is due to exceptional factors and the television company, best known for its Survival series, should see a rapid recovery over the next few years.

The outcome for the year is better than the company ex-pected after the disappointing interim results. Anglia was hit hard by a big increase in its Channel 4 suvbscription from £2.2m to £6.5m. This year's subscription will be higher but the rise will be much less than last year's enormous leap. Anglia should also receive revenue from Channel 4.

The better second half is the result of higher advertising revenue, which has benefited all the independent companies, with Angha holding its market share at just under 6 per cent. However, costs have also been increased by a higher pro-portion of drama productions The fall in the associate

company contribution from £903,000 to £709,000 is largely from once-off provisions by East Anglia Securities made against previous investments. lowever, Sodastream, the soft drinks company, where Anglia has a 23 per cent stake (down from 25 per cent) should continue to perform strongly and may be floated off

The change of the US agency from J Walter Thomson to Embassy also dented profits by about £500,000 but this should be more than offset during the current year. The total dividend has been increased from 6.5p to

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Sidney C. Banks: Half-year to

Oct 31, 1983, Interim payment,

nel, raised from 2.5m to 2.75p a

dent that improvement will be

maintained in full-year's results.

A. & J. Gelfer: Half-year to Sept

30, 1983. Interim payment up

from 1.8p to 1.9p net a share. Figures in £000. Turnover 2,797

(2,470). Pretax profit 409 (358).

Hawtin: Results for eight months to Sept 30, 1983, compared with 12 months to

Jan 31, 1983. Figures in £000.

Turnover 9,388 (8,943). Pretax

profit, 606, against loss of 72. Dividend of 0.25p a share,

Gnome Photographic Products:

against nil last time.

Tace, the London manufac- below the line. This represents turer of electronic, electrica, and the profit on the offer for sale of mechanical control equipment, a part of the group's interest in esterday announced more than Goring Kerr floated on the doubled pretax profits for the stock exchange last autumn, less reorganization costs and capital

losses realized for tax purposes.
The tender offer for Goring Kerr was 46 times oversubsc ribed. About a third of Tace's shares are held by London and Northern Group.

Last June the company sold its 89 per cent interest in Weighload to B & A Engineering for about £600,000. Comhining this with the Goring Kerr company to eliminate its borrowing by the end of the

present year had started well with profits for the first quarter substantially ahead of the same sale proceeds enabled the period last year. The group has brought in an

BETT dividend is cut

Tace profits doubled as

interest charge is cut

crs. the Dundee-based building the year from 3.1p to 2.65p.

heing cut from 1.9p last time to 1,29p.

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1.65p. This reduces the total for cra. the Dundee-based building and public works contractor, collapsed in the year to the end of last August. The year end dividend is being cut as a result.

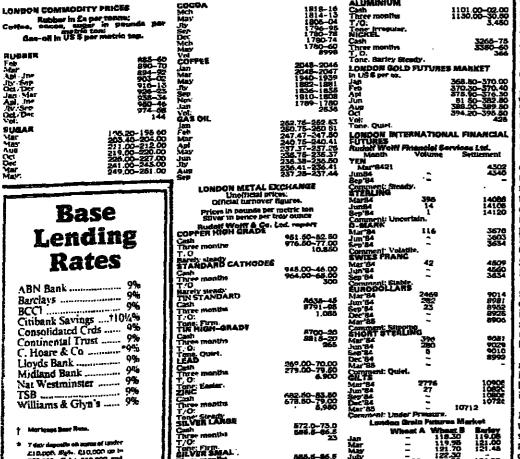
Group pre-tax profits fell from £1.3m to £377.000 on turnover up from £17.1m to £20.1m. The final dividend is being cut from 1.9p last time to 1.29p.

Half-year to Nov 30, 1983. Figures in £000. Sales 809 (789).

Pretax profit 125 (121). Burroughs Machines: Half-year to May 31, 1983. Figures in

£000. Turnover 91,663 (81,763). Pretax profit 13,237 (11,284). Company is a subsidiary of Burroughs of US. Allied Colloids Group: Halfyear to Oct 1, 1983. Interim adjusted, to Ip a share net to reduce disparity between payments. Figures in £000. Sales 37,639 (29,424). Pretax profit 7,610 (5,440).

COMMODITIES



'Impractical' plan for commission to monitor securities industry is shelved

Recommendations on the way Britain's securities industry should protect its investors were published yesterday by Professor Laurence "Jim" Gower.

The 212-page report contains

92 recommendations and says the securities industry should be governed on a two-tier mix of statute and self-regulation under a new Investor Protection

He has decided against recommending a full American-style Securities and Exchange Commission, and says the ultimate authority should remain with the Department of Trade and Industry.

Professor Gower says in his report: "Unless my proposals are implemented essentially on the lines proposed, further scrious scandals undermining public and international confidence are, in my view, inevitable. If they are implemented, scandals would not be wholly prevented but I believe that hey would be fewer and that when they occurred less irremediable damage would be suffered."

Despite personally favouring the setting up of a commission as the best solution, Professor Gower, accepts that it would not be practical politics.

"Reviewing this report as a whole, my belief is that the establishment of a commission would be the better solution if only because a government department seems less likely to be afforded the needed manpower resources . . . But with possible exception, I believe that my recommendations go as far as is strictly

Professor Gower has opted for insistence that anyone dealing in the investment business should belong to either a self-regulation body, recognized by the Department of Trade as able to monitor and control its members, or be registered with the department

Anyone who belonged to neither would be operating illegally,

investment advisers would go on to a computerized the public. Professor Gower says there is a much expanded role for the Council for the

Gower's two-tier combination of investor protection



association emerge embracing the life insurance, unit trust and mutual funds.

He also recommends the register open to inspection by setting up of the proper the public. Professor Gower accounts which hold money for investors on trust, thus establishing the investor's legal right Securities Industry (CSI), and to such cash in the event of the suggests that new self-regulatory company collapsing.

that the CSI, Takeover Panel and the Stock Exchange should assume responsibility for vetting the prospectusess of companies wishing to sell securities to the public other than through the Stock Exchange.

He says that this provision.

'Unless my proposals are implemented further serious scandals undermining public and international confidence are inevitable.'

Professor Jim Gower

Companies Act. should be transferred in a revised and modernized form to the new Investor Protection Act, along with laws relating to takeover and insider trading.

The new Act would also make the CSI responsible for undertakings by companies and already in law through the by anyone who has agreed to

Professor Gower says he is more convinced now than ever that the pre-vetting prospec-tuses should be mandatory in this country because of the large rise of issues where dealers sponsor public issues and act as issuing house, underwriters and market makers.

He is also proposing that when laws relating to insider dealing are transferred to the new Act. the scope of those likely to be liable to prosecution under the law should be widened to include all public servants. central or local.
Previously only Crown servants would have been liable if they had obtained price sensitive information about a company and then dealt in its shares.

Professor Gower is using the Investor Protection Act to tidy up another anomaly of the Companies Act, this time relating to directors' perks. Under his proposals, compensation for loss of office and any time in lieu of pension must be sum in lieu of pension must be approved by shareholders at a general meeting it was a loophole which occurred when the Company Law was changed requiring a property sale worth more than £50.000 of a company house to a director should be disclosed, while a "gift" of a far larger sum as a superannuation gratuity did

pensions, Professor makes no specific recommendations. A separate working party has already been set up to examine the law and conventions governing the conduct of pension funds. However, he says that what are regarded as urgent problems can be satisfactorily solved until a legal regime is created.

He says that matters such as potential conflicts of interest and financial disclosure may well point to a system of control through a self-regulation agency recognized by, and aswerable to. government department.

He says of building societies that if they continue to extend the competitive range of financial services that they provide, the present legal controls will need reviewing to provide adequate protection to deposi-

Philip Robinson

Key points from the 92 recommendations

intermediary from continuing to act as such in the UK if satisfied that

by reason of breaches of the law, the Regulations, or the Code of

Regulations, or the Code of Conduct or otherwise, he was not a

The Investor Protection Act should empower the Secretary of State to make Regulations control-

ling commissions payable to intermediaries (independent or tied)

on dealings in investments and this power should forthwith be exercised in relation to sales of life insurance

should make it a breach of the

or any intermediary to receive.

the prescribed maximum.

The client should be entitled to

obtain from the company or society

sale to him and, if he elected to do

sale to him and, if he elected to do
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recover his money, with interest, if
the payment was in excess of the
prescribed maximum.
The Act should permit the
creation in the UK of incorporated
mutual funds, as an optional
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anernative to unit trusts.

A unit trust or mutual fund
should not be permitted to
commence offering its units to the
public until it had obtained from the

Department (or Commission) or a

this purpose a certificate of compliance with the conditions and,

in the latter case, registered it with the Department (or Commission).

(a) to promote in the UK the sale of units of a trust or mutual fund

which had not obtained (and

retained) a certificate of compliance.

cause to be published or circulated in the UK any advertisement

relating to such a trust or mutual

except in accordance with, and to

the extent permitted under, Regulations made by the Secretary of

State. These Regulations should provide for the possibility of

General Permissions to be granted,

for example to trusts or mutual funds established in countries with

comparable safeguards and which

provided reciprocity or to unit

trusts with sales restricted to

Issues, sales and purchases of

pension funds and charities.

(b) to publish or circulate, or

The Act should make it an offence

demative to unit trusts

Statutory Framework
The Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act, and relevent provisions in other legislation, should be

in other legislation, should be replaced by a new Investor would continue to accept its power whereby basic policy overall surveillance and residual regulation reports on the working and deposit-taking regulated under the Banking Act, would be undertaken by a Governmental agency but dayto-day regulation so far as possible by self-regulatory agencies, initially based on existing professional bodies and organisations, recognised by the Governmental agency.

self-regulatory agencies, which would continue to accept its power would continue to accept its power members. It should make periodical reports on the working and efficiency of the agencies to that spot checks could be made on members of those agencies who were unable themselves to monitor the observance of their rules in that way.

nised by the Governmental agency.

The Act should recognise that not all those who need to be regulated would be members of a recognised self-regulatory agency and that the share. Figures in £000. Turn-over 50,720 (42,600). Pretax profit 935 (746). Board's confi-

left to the Department of Trade and Regulations or Rules made the-industry and not hived-off to a self-standing Commission.

Regulations or Rules made the-reunder. The person concerned should be afforded the right to have However, if and when legislation

of State for Trade and Industry Department should remain respon-sible for overall surveillance of the system and for the making, after of such Regulations as give rise to

criminal sanctions.
Scope of regulation
Contracts for commodity or financial futures or options and life

include all those professionally Department (or Commission) to engaged in the marketing of make Regulations, relating to Employees acting solely on behalf those so registered.

of employers registered for invest-ment business should not themwho manage or advise on invest-ments for pension fund trustees or Life assurance and Unit Trusts. public investment trust companies) The Investor Protection Act who manage or advise only on their should amend the Insurance employers investments. Companies Act 1982 by inserting a public investment trust companies)

employers investments.

The definition of investment business" should not include bona making it an offence – lide investment clubs (but should (a) to promote in the UK the sale include anyone professionally managing the club or its investments or advising its members on its investments).

The Bank of England, on behalf EEC Member State, or of the Treasury, should retain its role of surveillance of the commodity and financial exchanges but in the UK any advertisement or commodity and financial brokers Department (or a self-standing

The Investor Protection Act should provide for the recognition of self-regulatory bodies as (i) investment exchanges or (ii) agencies for the regulation of their nembers' conduct of investment 10 UK companies. anyone other than a recognised

nvestment exchange.
The Council for the Securities Industry should retain its role as the umbrella and co-ordinating body of self-regulatory agencies and associ-ations. The recognised self-regulat-ory agencies should be represented and not registered for investment

business. Codes should include a on it. With a full-time Director-General and a larger support staff it should exercise supervision over the rule that an intermediary, before selling any policy, should ensure that the client had received and had self-regulatory agencies, which would continue to accept its power his attention drawn to all warnings and disclosures required by the Advertising Regulations. In addition, the Act should amend the insurance Companies Act 1982 by empowering the Secretary of State to make Orders banning any insurance salesman or

The Department for Comhensive computerised register of those entitled to undertake invest-

self-regulatory agency and that the Governmental agency would have to regulate the admission to practice, and undertake the direct supervision, of those who were not.

The Act should make it an offence to carry on investment business unless registered either directly with the Governmental agency or through membership of a recognised self-regulatory agency.

The Government Regulator

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The Government role could be left to the Department of Trade and Regulations or Rules made the-

However, if and when legislation the matter referred to an indepen-is introduced it is apparent that a dent tribunal. is introduced it is apparent that a dent tribunal.

substantial volume of day-to-day Members of a recognised selfGovernmental regulation and regulatory agency should be autosupervision will have to be matically registerd on application
undertaken, a self-standing Commission answerable to the Secretary on their ceasing to be members of

any such agency. Others should obtain registration on direct application to the Department (or consultation with the Commission, registered unless the Department (or of such Regulations as give rise to Commission) was satisfied that those rupping them were fit and

proper persons by virtue of their character, training and experience and financial resources, and registration should be revoked or suspended if it ceased to be so The Act should empower the

investments and investment man-applications for registration, and The Register should contain only such facts as the public needs to

selves fequire to be registered; nor should employees (other than those addresses and nationality or country of incorporation of registered firms.

new section in Part III thereo

of any insurance contract of long term business of a company not authorised to carry on long term business by the authorities of any (b) to publish or circulate, or cause to be published or circulated.

was satisfied had standards courva-

units, whether of trusts or mutual funds, should be treated identically and the present believed freedom of the role of Governmental regulator relating to such a company which foreign mutual fund to market its undertakes lone term business, in the interests of investor Except in accordance with, and to protection should be vested in the the extent permitted under, Regu-'shares' here once a listing on The Stock Exchange had been obtained should be abolished but a listing of lations made by the Secretary State, these Regulations should units of a trust or mutual fund with a certificate of compliance should be Self-regulatory Agencies and their provide for the possibility of permissible. The Act should make it an relation to companies established in offence to engage in any form of 'cold-calling' in relation to invest-

lent in their effect to those in the UK and which afforded reciprocity h should be made an offence for the Secretary of State under the Insurance Companies Act 1982 investment exchange to carry on should be extended by empowering business in the UK as an him to make Regulations and Codes of Conduct applying to the employed salesmen and tied intermediaries of life offices authorized in the UK and to independent

ment business excet as permitted by Regulations made by the Secretary of State. The initial Regulations should permit it in relation to the sale of contracts of long term business of authorised insurance companies (or friendly societies) and of units of trusts or mutual funds which had certificates of

compliance.
The cooling-off period presently provided in the case of sales of most investme types of long term insurance cases it is business sould be extended to all companie types (other than industrial industrial).

trusts and mutual funds. offices and managers of unit trusts and mutual funds are fully

ued intermediaries whether they are employed or self-employed. Public Issues, Takeovers and company or not and all public Insider-Dealing Companies Acis relating to public issues, takeovers and insider-dealing should be transferred in a revised and modernised form to the proposed Investor Protection Act.

invitations to the public, whether

responsible for the activities of their

on a primary or secondary distribution or on a takeover, should be treated broadly on the same lines.

Documents containing invitations should be pre-vetted prior to distribution or publication and effective surveillance should be maintained over any market-mak-

ers in the securities concerned.

Accordingly the Act should make it an offence to distribute or publish to the public an issue or takeover prospectus upless: (a) it complied with the provisions of the Act and Regulations made

(b) permission to distribute and publish it had been granted (and not revoked) by the Department (or Commission) or a self-regulatory agency recognised by it for this

purpose.
The Department (or Commission) should be dominated as a competent authority for the purposes of the EEC Directives and self-regulatory agencies recognised authorities' or treated as acting on behalf of the Department (or

The Act should empower the Department (or Commission) and any self-regulatory agency so recognised to make Rules of recognised to make Kuies of Conduct regarding public offerings or takeovers for which its peror takeovers for which its per-mission was sought and regarding the subsequent activities of the companies concerned and any market makers in the securities of

those companies.

The Stock Exchange and the CSI should be recognised for this purpose by the Department (or The Rules of the CSI should

prescribe that any public issues sponsored by a member of any of the self-regulatory bodies rep-resented on the CSI should be conducted through it except for public issues of securities to be listed or admitted to the USM which should be conducted through The Stock Exchange. The CSI should also consider prescribing that applications for its permission should be made only through persons registered for investment business and admitted to a special register maintained by it. If that were prescribed, an appeal to an independent tribunal (such as the Appellate Commince of the Takeover Panel) should be provided in the event of refusal to admit to that special register. In cases where an over-the-counter market was to be imaintained in respect of the securities, the Rules should also prescribe the undertakings to be given by the companies (analogous to the General Undertaking re-quired by The Stock Exchange in respect of admissions to the USM) and by the market makers,

public issues not conducted through the CSI or The Stock Exchange, similar Rules of Conduct should be made by the Denagrament of the breaches. made by the Department (or Commission) but these should not restrict applications for its permission to those registered for investment business since in some cases it might be seen to the second of cases it might be reasonable for the companies concerned to apply

presently in Part V of the Companies Act 1980 should be transferred to the Investor Proteccover market dealings in any relating to securities (whether of a

The Investor Protection Act should include provisions similar to

sections 13 (deceptive inducements) Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act but substantially re-drafted and clarified. The publisher of a newspaper or periodical should not escape liability for breach of the re-drafted section 14 merely because he acted

in the ordinary course of business in publishing an investment advertisement therein unless, in addition, he invitation to enter into an invest-ment transacton or that the material was placed by a person who was, or whom he believed on reasonable grounds to be, entitled under the Act of Regulations to issue circular.

Relevant information alcaned is the course of any official investi-gation should be made available to the Department (or Commission) functions under the Act and relevant information obtained by relevant information obtained by any recognized self-regulatory agency should be made available to the Department (or Commission) and to other such agencies if relevant to the exercise of their functions.

The Act should confer up the Department (or Commission) power to inspect the books and whom it had any reason to might be carrying on investment business without being duly registered.

Where regulatory offences under

the Act had been committed prosecution should not be delayed in the hope of collecting sufficient evidence to obtain convictions at the same trial for graver offences. The Act should confer on the Department (or Commission)
powers to give directions to a firm
registered for investment business prohibiting specified disposals of assets or other transactions or the not already regular clients, or ordering assets to be vested in a specified custodian as trustee.

Further consideration should be ndiciable offences for commercial frauds involving prolonged investigation of documents and accounts (ii) to the possibility, in such trials, of substituting two lay assessors. with relevant commercial and accountancy experience, for the jury or, failing that, to providing greater help to juries and (iii) to national collaboration between the police, prosecuting authorities and

The Act and Regulations made thereunder should provide civil remedies for those who suffer loss as a result of breaches of their

The Act should empower the Department (or Commission) to take civil proceedings for injunc-

The Act should provide that a contract entered into in the course of carrying on investment business person and voidable by the other party unless the court granted

Torquay United, the manageriess fourth divisor club, have arranged an unusual transfer fee for Burnley's right back Andy Wharton - a free weekend by the sea for Burnley manager John Bond and players.

The deal was made by Torquay's carctaker manager Frank O'Farrell, who stepped in for two days after Bruce Rioth's resignation at the

Dave Easton, Torquay secretary, said: "It's certainly a new one on me. We are picking up all the hotel and meal bills in Torquay whea Buraley come down to play Plymouth on February 4. "Mind you, it's the sort of deal

Mind you, it's the sort of ceathat only a club like Torquey could offer. Can you imagine anyone wanting to spend a weekend break in Hailfax or Hartlepool?"

• Cary Mabbutt put himself in contention for a return to the Tottenham side for Saturday's trip

to Everion by giving a strong reserve team performance yester-day. A pelvic strain, came through a hard fought 2-2 match against Southampton at the Cheshunt

ment that confirmed the original findings, upheld the fine but rescinded the suspension — a somewhat contradictory gesture of mercy based on the player's previously "exemplary" conduct and a belief that, during all those months of uncertainty, his tennis Alan Brazil, left out of the last two matches, hit a second half consliser, his seventh reserve team goal in his last three matches, following hat tricks against Crystal Palace and Watford.
Osvaldo Ardiles scored the other

exal.

Aston Villa have extended the contract of their midfield player Dennis Mortimer, which will take his service past nine years. His contract was due for renewal in the summer, but Villa have extended it

until next January.

Mortimer, 31, who joined Villa from Coventry in 1975, captained the club to the League Championship in 1981 and the European Cup a year later.

• Reading are asking their fans

whether they should switch their home match against Northampton on Friday, March 16, to avoid clashing with the proposed live television broadcast of Southamp-

ton v Liverpool at The Dell.

Swansea City will be Britain's representatives in an expenses-paid, six-nation tournament in Malaysia next week. The struggling second division club fly out with 14 players on Friday to compete for the Kuala Lumpur Cup A group of Hereford United fans

have raised £41,000 to help pay off creditors who are owned £50,000 by

their rich backers have persistently made private payments to the stars.

These payments used to be defined as appearance money (a flat fee in addition to prize money) or a guarantee (a fixed minimum that became irrelevant if the player earned as much, or more, in prize money). These indiventes earned as much, or more, in prize money). These inducements, contravening the rules, are now collectively known as guarantees. The problems, which seem to be insoluble, lie in defining which inducements break the rules — and in establishing the facts of such clandestine arrangements. Cash payments are comparatively straightforward, though difficult to prove. Given total and universal untegrity by tournament organizers

The outcome of the Guillermo Vilas case is inconclusive. The

vexed issue of appearance money

and guarantees is as vexed as ever.

Last March the promoters of a tournament in Rotterdam, deprived

birthday and wondered if his career

as a top-tenner was over.

On Tuesday the prolonged, complicated and confused process

of appeal ended with an announce

ment that confirmed the origina

ategrity by tournament organizers nd players, with a mutual refusal to

paper. Britain should win. Czechoslavakia may be more difficult to beat on Saturday, in spite of the fact

that they are represented by what amounts to a reserve team. But Britain have an obvious chance to

reach Sunday's final, probably against Sweden, and win the championship, for the first time

since 1967.

- would be checked but not cured. There are other ways in to turn up for this or that tournament,

of the celebrities they expected. asked Vilas to help them out. He did so. Later it was alleged that his manager. Ion Tiriac, accepted a fee of \$60,000 (£42,000) and thus broke A business agreement between player and promoter or sponsor may involve paid promotional appearances on television or at pretournament social functions. A In June the Men's International player may profit from store Professional Tennis Council fined the former French, United States appearances, autograph sessions, coaching clinics, or exhibitions played before or after the tournaand Australian champion \$20,000 (£14,000) and suspended him for a ment concerned. And a player's fee year. Vilas and his manager appealed, denying the charge. They for endorsing a racket or a line of clothing may be partly based on his have waited seven months (why seven months?) for a decision. Meantime Vilas had his thirty-first participation in one tournament or

Those are some of the ways in which players and entreprendurs can respect or circumvent the rules governing guarantees. For 30 years and more administrators have tried 10 distinguish between what is permissible and what is not - and to enforce such distinctions. The most recent campaign, culminating in the Vilas test case, may discourage abuses and drive private negotiations more deeply into the shadows. It remains likely, though, that in one guise or another guarantees - private inducements to play in a particular event - will

The fine is only a third of the alleged appearance fee, but Vilas must share with the MIPTC the costs of the appeal, which have been estimated at \$400,000 (£282,000). always be with us. The case against guarantees is that they are unjust; and also impair the integrity of the professional game by reducing the incentive to win and thus making competition less credible. It is argued that a player guaranteed £50,000 is not going to work himself into the ground for a first prize of £55,000. On the whole he has been treated leniently. That is reasonable because to some extent he has been used as a scapegoat and as an example to others.

The guarantee system was born because a small minority of players are sufficiently celebrated to attract the public, the publicity media and consequent prestige. To persuade such players to take part in their events, tournament promoters or their rich backers have persistently made private mayments to the stare. ground for a first prize of £25,000.

The accusation of injustice is based on the argument that nobody



offer private payments or accept them, the malaise - assuming it is win - that all players should be such - would be absolud by rewarded on merit alone, with no cash incentives other than those "up for grabs" in the prize fund. It is felt, too, that an agent permitted to negotiate a guarantee on behalf of a top-tenner might insist on smaller guarantees for other circuis, a practice that could eventually make the prize-money format a symbolic

There is however, growing support for discarding the ban on guarantees: on the grounds that the ban has never been totally effective. never can be and is misguided anyway. Advocates of an open market point out that a player's ranking, reputation and market value are at stake every time he or applied to the more distinguished

tournaments. their promotional budget, tourna-ments should be free to "buy" the celebrities who will bring in the public, the publicity and the presuge. It is also argued that the ban on guarantees discriminates against the leading players, who should be allowed to cash in

problem and the case for and against a ban on guarantees. If only it was as easy to see the way ahead. It has been suggested that guarantees should be brought out into the open, with a set scale of fees according with the players rank-ings. This was done last year in the World Team Cup competition (exempt from the ban because it is a team event though it is difficult to appreciate what difference that makes). Alternatively, a larger proportion of prize money could be allocated to players reaching the later rounds of a tournament. Either scheme, or both, would alleviate the problem without solving it. Add-itional inducements could still be privately negotiated.

allowed to run not. It must therefore be disciplined and discouraged. Tennis has a light on its hands - a fight it probably connect win. But the cost of chickening out

Worst gate for QPR's best win Soviets fire first and Jeremy Charles, lifts Rangers into fourth position in the League and has helped them towards a place in manager. Terry Venables had sympathy for those supporters who I don't think we will win the title, we are in a position to try."

clbow.

Villa pay dearly

as Withe steps

out of line for

the fourth time

Coventry turned down Villa's after Shaw put them ahead. The

met at the touchine by the

furious Villa management team

of Tony Barton and Roy

McLaren. As they prepared to escort him away Mills granted

Rideout added: "He suddenly

seemed to change his mind and

although I was already off the

pitch he ran over shouting

about my ring I was a bit

surprised because a linesman

had already checked us in the

dressing room before the game

the ring, settled for having it

taped over, but the experience

failed to worry him. He coolly

drove in Villa's 33rd minute

second goal just 12 minutes

result probably granted a stay of execution for Barton and McLaren, who were warned before the game by Doug Ellis,

the Villa chairman, that the

club would not tolerate con-

when they picked up news-papers to read these comments

just before an important cup tie", Barton said, "It put them

under the unfair and unnecess-

ary pressure of thinking they

were playing to save our jobs."

The Ellis outburst certainly

did the trick, though, as Villa

avenged their FA Cup defeat by

Norwich six days earlier to

reach their seventh semi-final in

the competition. They always looked more composed and

competitive, even before Nor-

wich lost their England Under-

21 centre half, David Watson,

with concussion in a fourth-

sleeping the injury off yesterday

and then he suddenly said go to after X-ray tests had revealed Wednesday are on the way back the dressing room." Rideout no fracture. Norwich are hope- to the big time. The Liverpool

Europe next season, Stainrod, Stewart. Gregory and Fillery were

Rangers' other scorers.
Venables said: "With a little bit of

luck we could have been in the top two at this stage, but we are still looking to make an impression with

MILK CUP: Fifth round: Shaffield Wednesday 2, Liverpool 2; Norwich Cay 0, Aston VBa 2, FIRST DIVISION: Queen's Park Rangers 6,

The Norwich captain was

"The players were incensed

tinued failure.

Rideout, unable to remove

and he said nothing to me,

an unexpected reprieve.

England forward, will miss the

first leg of the Milk Cup semi-

final next month because of a

two match suspension. He went

over 21 disciplinary points in

Villa's 2-0 win in the quarter-final at Norwich on Tuesday

night when he was booked for

the fourth time in the last seven

matches. He will now miss a

League game at home to Luton

Town on February 4 and the Milk Cup tie the following

Villa tried yesterday to clear his suspension earlier by att-

empling to rearrange a League

same away to Coventry City

which was postponed because of

Coventry's FA Cup involve-

ment on January 28. But

suggestion to play on Tuesday, January 31, the starting date for

"We understand their rea-sons." Steve Stride, Villa's

fecretary, said. "They could have a Cup replay that night

and, in effect, their supporters

would have had only two days

notice of a match with us."

Trelford Mills, who refereed

Tuesday's match was following

Ridcout, Villa's young forward,

rized clubs and referees out-lin-

ing the possible dangers posed

matches. But Rideout, wearing

a ring, genuinely beliveed he was being sent off when the

Barnsley official pointed thea-

trically to the dressing rooms after the England youth inter-

national disputed a booking in

"The referee booked me for having a go at 'Dixie' Dechan

football League directive ien he "sent off" Paul

The League recently circula-

players wearing jewelry in

Withe's ban.

after 11 minutes.

the twelfth minute.

missed the six-goal victory against Stoke City at Loftus Road on Tuesday night. Rangers' biggest first division win was unfortunately watched by their lowest league gate of the season = 9.320. Venables said: "It was a cold

night. I felt sorry for the regular fans who normally cone along, but decided to stay at home.

Bill Asprey, who last week was appointed as Stoke City manager for the rest of the season was preoccupied by matters on rather procedured by matters on rather than off the pitch. "It was our worst defensive display of the season, absolutely disgraceful. I blame our defence for all six goals. Rangers were given free headers and did just about what they liked. It wouldn't have made any difference if we had trained on Rangers' artificial pitch for a week. If you don't do the hasics, you will be punished," he

FRIST DIVISION: Queen's Park Rangers 6, Stoke City 6.
WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Newport County 6, Lex II 0; Wexham 1, Rhyl 1. Postponed: Strewsbury v Colwyn 18 Rhyl 1. Postponed: Strewsbury v Colwyn 18 Rhyl 1. Postponed: Burnley v Sheffeld Urited. Second division: Manchester City 9, Preston 1; Wigan 1. Barneley 2. Postponed: Oldsam v Wowshampton Wanderers: Bradford City v Port Vals; Roberham v Chesserfield. FOOTBALL COMEMNATION: Chesserfield. FOOTBALL COMEMNATION: Chesserfield. FOOTBALL COMEMNATION: Chesserfield. FATROPHY: First resend: Sough 3 University of Charlion.
FA TROPHY: First resend: Sough 3 University of Charlon. FA TROPHY: First resend: Plainer 3; Wycomabe Warderes 4, Dorchester 0, First round replays: Nursetton 2, Worcester 0, Print round senating care. Asprey now has to contemplate a winter struggle against relegation. serious challenge to the first division leaders over the second half

S Africans

hope to

keep race

Johannesburg (Reuter) - South Africanmotor racing officials were confident yesterday that the Kya-lumi track would retain its world

championship status despite a

eport from Paris that its future was

A statement by the international motor sports federation, FISA, on

Tuesday said the South African Grand Prix woud be taken off the

calendar if certain safety improve-ments were not made and financial

guarantees given. But the owner of

he was confident the required modifications would be completed by March 7, a month before the

race, when an official inspection is due. He also said the financial guarantee would be given before the required date of February I.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES:

Sallord City Council are considering making a bid for the 1994 games

although the recreation committee chairman, Councillor Joe Holt, said the city had no athletics stadium or

50-metre pool He added, however

that the council was ready to build them "tomorrow" if the money

BOXING: Unbeaten Roger May-

weather, of the United States, will make the third defence of his WBA

numor lightweight title when he

ATHLETICS
MELBOURNE; 700m; 1, 4 Wests (60), 10.8 sec. 200m; 1, Wests, 21.16 sec. 800m; 1, M Hauret (40s), 1 min 46 46 sec; 3, (8th; (65), 1.47.21; 1.500m; 1, B Mannerinski (Pol), 13 min 43.15 sec. 12, D Moorgroft (65), 13 21:13.

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MATIONAL LEAGUE: Purpler Whalers 3, New Jersey Devas 3, Castee Nondquee 7, Boston Prims 3; Washington Capitals 8, Whitepeg 195 5; Philadelphia Priers 5, Menthed Caradiers 4; St Louis Shies 2, Calgary Remes 1, Euflato Satires 5, Vancouver Caractes 1.

became available.

in jeopardy.

Rangers victory, which included IN BRIEF

BOXING will go on

Paris (Reuter) - The European Paris (Reuter) - The European middleweight championship bout between Louis Acaries and Tony Sibson will go abead here as planned on February 25, despite Sibson's defeat by Don Lee in Atlantic City last Sunday, the French champion's brother. Michael American

"The defeat of Tony Sibson does not rule out the fight," he said. "Last night we were in contact with London and I was assured that Sibson would be in Paris on February 25 to meet Louis. He is returning from the United States next Sunday and will sign the contract then."

Sibson's manager. Sam Burns said on Tuesday that he might ask for a postponement. Michel Acaries

knocked down Cedeno three times with left and fight punches to the head before the American referee. Lou Filippo. stopped the bout in the second round. Cedeno won the title from Charlie Magri in London last

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as planned

brother, Michel Acaries, said

for a postponement. Michel Acaries and he thought Sibson's injury - a cut over the left eye - was not serious. "In a week nothing will show and he will be able to start training again." he said.

Noji Kobayashi, of Japan, sprang a surprise by taking the World Boxing Council flyweight title from Frank Cedeno, of the Philippines, in Tokyo, Kobayashi knocked down Cedeno three times.

Sibson bout

Januar 8.

The match was declared void and the game will be replayed. The

committee, who considered video evidence during the hearing, said afterwards they felt there were other options open to the referee which he "might have applied to advantage before taking the ultimate step of abandoning the game."

Both clubs may appeal against the

fines. Leigh representatives indi-cated they would certainly do so.

FOR THE RECORD

THORITZ: Marsden Cup, Brat open race from top 1 M Adelchar (Swarz) 167:53, 2, N Bobba (ill. 173.19; 3) Uschwarzarback (Swarz) 174:44, 4, A Freeland state. 4. A Fredland (GB), 178.68, 5, M (GB), 177.31; 6. A Hilberti (Swetz),

BOXING

Record fine imposed on brawlers

Bgriet. SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Postconed Bridgnorth v Moor Green.

By Keith Macklin Oldham and Leigh were fined record sums of £1,000 each at yesterday's Rugby League management committee inquiry into the abandonment of their match on

The referee. John Mean, of Leyland, called off the game at Oldham after 56 minutes when the teams began brawling but he was censured for his action by the committee, who felt he had other

The hearing, at Leeds lasted four hours as evidence was heard from the referee, touch judges, club directors, coaches and players.

Jack Bateman, the council chairman, said that Rugby League had come out of the affair "not very well at all. This is a bad thing for our

CRICKET CARACHI: Under-23 maich Paussan 253 for 6 dec. Se Lenga 143 and 224, Paussan Under-23 won by an dhanga and 26 nons.

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ask questions later

of six Soviet teams, a third of the first division, have been replaced in reshuffle announced ional sport committee, yesterramonal sport committee, yester-day. The trainer of Torpedo Kutaisi, Tengiz Grdzelishvili, was dismissed for serious errors in handling his team and five others resigned, which probably signified some pressure, the newspaper, Soviet Smirt, said.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Maccies/feld 4, Marina 1. Postponet: Witton v Hyde, MCDDLESEX CHARITY CUP: Semi-Final: The other trainers to go were those of another Georgian club, Dynamo Toilisi Dynamo Moscow, Kingsbury () Wentsley 2. ESSEX THAMESIDE TROPHY: Reinham (), ESSEX 1 PARKERING THREE THREE Meiden-Avoley 2. ISTHEMAN LEAGUE First division: Meiden-head 3. Chesham 1. Second division: Berton Rovers 2, St Albans S. LONDON SERROR CUP. Bromley 2. Epsom and Ewel 1. Contribian-Casuas 0, Kingsonien 2. Tooting and Mechain 4. Woking 1; Woodford 5, Metropolium Police 1. Postponed: Barking v the Armenian club, Ararat Yerevan, the Moldavian side. Nistru Kishinev, and the Moscow-based Soviet Army team.
The second division club. Rotor

Volgograd, sacked their trainer, Vladmir Korolkov, for "serious errors and moral failings", the sport committee said. The sport committee has caled for an examination of the state of Soviet football after a disappointing

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Third round: Challont SI Peters 3, Bracknell 0. FA TROPHY: First round: Whithy 1, Blytin Spartars 1; Trowbradce 1, Levtonstone/Irland performance by the national side in failing to qualify for the finals of the Guy's. OTHER MATCH: Wokingham 2, Wimble European Championship FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Arsenal 1, Cambridge United (). **RUGBY UNION**

Withe: ruled out by two-match suspension

next season.

Fagan, whose side were held

2-2 in Tuesday's Milk Cup

quarter-final in front of nearly

50,000 spectators at Hillsbo-rough, said, "I can't seen

anyone stopping them. Howard Wilkinson has got them believ-

ing in the way they play.
Wilkinson, Wednesday's

Wilkinson, Wednesday's manager, said: "I'm not filled

with fear or dread about going to Antield. We have matched

them once with one or two of

our players not reaching the standards they are capable of.

Nottingham Forest on Satur- to return to the First Division

day, along with Aage Hareide,

defender, who injured his back against Villa. "The injury to

lized us". Ken Brown, the

keep me in the job for another

week," Barton joked. "Over two

anybody if we play the way we

Wednesday are on the way back

The evening was not all joy for

Venables, however. Charles sus-tained a split eye which needed stitching while Terry Fenwick also received a knock, but both should

Joe Fagan believes Sheffield

Norwich manager, said.

did against Norwich."

he may play at manager rates them certainties

minute collision with Withe's legs I fancy our chances against

TUESDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS

Vatson disjointed and demora-

"I suppose the result will

Norwegian international

six-nations tournament next June which will mark the seventieth anniversary of the Brazilian Football Association, the Royal Nether-lands Football Association (KNVB) said yesterday.

The opening match, in which

Brazil, England, Argentina, Uruguay and Mexico will also compete, is on June 9. The final is scheduled for

Today's fixtures

FOOTBALL F A TROPHY: Pirst round: Barking v Aylesb United, Replay: Bath v Croydon (postponed) FOOTBALL COMBINATION: (2.00): Fullen RUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY UNION

RACKETS ◆ The Hague (Reuter). - The British Arnatour Singles (Queen's Club, We Kansington, 4.30).

EQUESTRIANISM

Hickstead jumps for joy

has become the richest showjump-ing event in the world following the announcement yesterday by Silk Cut, the new sponsors of the event, that they are giving a first prize of £20,000 - a £6,000 increase from

last year,
Silk Cut's £78.000 sponsorship of
the four-day Derby meeting from
24-27 August and for at least the 24-27 August and for at least the next two years has assured the future of the Sussex showjumping venue. Early last year Mr Douglas Bunn, the owner of Hickstead, had

clear rounds. Since the event was started in 1961 only three riders **GOLF**

Francesco Moser, of Italy, and the Netherlands' Rene Pijnen are the leading partnership in the Milan six-day cycling race fro February 11

Jacklin's 'great challenge' as Ryder captain By a Special Correspondent

Tony Jacklin will again captain Europe's Ryder Cup team against United States at the Belfry, Sutton Coldified, next year. The Pro-fessional Golfers Association have given the former British and US Open champion their approval after his magnificent leadership against the Americans in Florida last

Jackhu's captaincy inspired the Europeans to their best performance in the States - defeat by one point -with the result in doubt until the last ino singles. But Jacklin has no infusions that the next match at home, the twenty-sixth in the series.

By Jenny MacArthur

The Hickstead Jumping Derby as become the richest showjumping event in the world following the innouncement yesterday by Silk Cut, the new sponsors of the event, that they are giving a first prize of 20,000 - a £6,000 increase from ast year.

Silk Cut's £78,000 sponsorship of the four-day Derby meeting from the four-day Derby meeting from the first round of the event's the 22nd clear round of the event

23-year-old history.

The first of Hickstead's three international meetings this year will be from June 1-3. The May meeting has been dropped from the calendar. Mr Bunn would not disclose the Bunn, the owner of Hickstead, had been gloom; about the show-ground's future following the withdrawal of two main sponsors. Kerrygold and Hambro Life. Mt Bunn would not disclose the mame of the sponsor for the June meeting yesterday. The Nations took on the Jumping Derby the whole of Hickstead would 'almost certainly have to close'.

The new sponsors are also offering the winner of the Derby a further £5.000 if they complete two clear rounds. Since the event was

TABLE TENNIS Withdrawal of rival may help Miss Witt

Karen Will, England's national champion, has an excellent chance of winning through to the semi-finals of the season's leading event. the English open, sponsored by Norwich Union, at Brighton next week, after the late withdrawal of Bettine Vriesekoop, of the Nether-lands, the European champion and lop seed.

Miss Vriesekoop, who still hopes to defend her title in the European Top 12 tournament in which Miss Witt will be competing for the first time in Bratislava early next month, is plagued by a mystery illness that has depend her all senance. This means the reading player, who is seeded fifth equal and who is

in the same quarter as Miss Vriesekoop, should, according to the seedings, meet Yoshiko Shimau-chi, of Japan, for a place in the final, The withdrawal is another scrback within a short space of time for the troubled European champion who two weeks ago lost her No European ranking to Man Hrachova of Czechoslovakia, who is reded second in the bottom half of

the draw at Brighton.

BASKETBALL

Milan stand in the path of Solent

By Nicholas Harling

Sperrings Solent Stars who, stand on the threshold of becoming the first British club to reach the semihals of a European competition, the Cup Winners Cup, can ill afford to underestimate the team most likely to stand in their way.

Having beaten Satura Cologne
82-78 in Tuesday's gripping quarterfinal group match Solent probably
need only to win one of their two

remaining games to go through. Simae Milan, the visitors to Eastleigh next Wednesday for what promises to be an epic encounter, are the team Solent most realistically beat for their last group game is away to Cibona Zagreb, who have already thrashed the English League leaders at home.
Yesterday's celebrations on the

Yesterday's celebrations on the south coast were only slightly dampened by the news that Milan had gained a remarkable success over Zagreb to raise their own hopes of qualifying. Had Milan lost they would have had less to play for The problem for Jim Kelly, Solent's coach is having to persuade his players that just because they hve beaten Milan in Italy, there will be no formality in the home return. "People are saying that all we have to do is beat Milan but not everyone can realize taht just because we have beaten Milan once, there's no guarantee we will do so again", he said. "I wish it was ging to be that easy. Milan are a fine team and their result against Zagreb didn't surprise

easy. Milan are a fine team and their result against Zagreb didn't surprise me. Maybe people should start giving us a little late credit for what we did to them in Italy".

Milan, of course, are the club which won the world invitation club championship, sponsored by Philips, at Crystal Palace over the New Year, beating Maccabi Tel Aviv, the holders in the final. Then, however, they were able to call on Antoine Carr, their big American, who did not play against Sloent and is still incligible for European competitions. Solent hope that his absence will continue to provide the essential difference between the side that won at Palace and the side with that won at Palace and the side with whom they renew acquaintance.

Navratilova top

New York (AP) - Martina Navratilova has been named the Not-ranked woman player in the United States for 1983,

tram) than he would have against Colin. Buster has not been playing Britain play Ireland here today in

vakia on Tuesday and must win today to stay in the numing. They have a chance to bring a little dignity to their terrible record

Irish look for dignity indoors

against British teams.
Their first string, Matt Doyle, who beat Eliot Teltscher in the Davis Cup, can hardly play as badly again as he did against Libor Pimek again as he did against Libor Pimes on Tuesday. That ite with Czechoslovakia gave Doyle and Sean Sorensen some severe match-play, whereas today Britain will be competing for the first time.

Michael Hickey, the Irish captain, said vesterday that the densy has not

since 1967.

As is usually the case when Britain play a team match, much depends on Christopher Mottram. He has a superb record in this type of event but has a question mark against him this time. Mottram's withdrawal from the Grand prix circuit may have taken the edge from his ability as a match-player. The weight of responsibility has, however, been slightly reduced by the fact that he will be playing at second string, behind Colin Dowsaid vesterday that the draw has not been favourable to Britain. "They have been here since Monday but will be the last team to play on the court", he said. "On the other hand players at this level get up pretty quickly, regardless of the surface. We were pleased when Britain announced their playing order,

There are several factors to inspire or at least encourage Ireland. They were beaten 2-1 by Czechoslohoped for more from him against doubles. Czechoslovakia. Sean may have a pessuars. Buster (Mot-Folland 0.

as much as heretofore and may not be as sharp. We had to win the doubles against Czechoslovakia to have any chance of still being involved. Now we hope that we can do well against Britain Sorensen, a slimly built left-hand-

er, was overpowered by the bigger and stronger Jaroslav Navratil, who won 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, and might have finished the job in two sets but for a sudden flurry of aces by Sorenson The Irishman could make little impression on Navratil's service games - and Doyle made even less impression on Pimck's.

deuce. Davie's returns were poor and his serving too wayward to keep Pimek under pressure. Doyle was beaten 6-3, 6-3, a disappointing performance that made it of no more than marginal relevance that the same Irishmen beat the same "Matt has a lot of prove. We had Czechoslovaks 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 in the

Prenn passes a test

John Prenn, the holder and first seed in the amateur singles championship, sponsored by Celestion Loudspeakers, came through the first severe examination on the condition of his injured back at Queen's Club on Tuesday when be defeated Johathan Spurling 15-5. 15-5, 15-11,

Prenn, the world chamion, after Frent, the world chamion, after defeating his closest rival, William Boone, in the final of the Brush open championship last April, accepted his challenge for the World tital. Subsequently, Prenn was forced to postpone the challenge and this week will determine whether it can be held in April or deterred until neti season. Prenn beat Spurling by imposing

control through tight service and with natural footwork he produced handsome, wristy drives deep and low to length with perfect timing.

service and confessed that he served hadly and was not used to such pace. He was clearly despondent at his own mistakes, and the memory of having, as a member of the Tonbridgian second pair with Graham Cowdrey, reached the final of the Noel Bruce Cup last November, climinating on the way the champions. Peron and Charles the champions. Prenn and Charles Hue Williams, receded into the distance.

Randali Crawley suffering from two cracked tibs caused by a fall while skiing recently, found rhythm perfect positioning and fluent strokes to defeat Jeremy Hugher, a solid and precise player, 15-9, 15-9, 15-13. Brone overwhelmed Michael Hooper 15-2, 15-0, 15-6. RESULTS: J Prenn bt J Squirm, 15.5, 13.5, 14.11. R Orawey bt J Humber, 15.9, 15.9, 15.11. by Beans to M Mooper 15.0, 15.0, 15.6

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Basil Boy sets early pace in Lincoln betting

bookmakers when the weights season's Newbury Spring Cup were announced for the William winner is not one of the four Hill Lincoln Handicap yester- horses that the Epsom trainer day. After winning two races will be sending to the Riviera. last season and finishing third last season and finishing third "As Morality Stone ran four in the Cambridgeshire as well as times at Cagnes-sur-Mer last in the Lincoln. Richard Han-non's five-year-old certainly owners have decided against the looks fairly handicapped with trip this year. So I will give him 8st to carry in the first big race two or three runs over burdles of the 1984 Flat racing season.

As Hannon is in Barbados no plans are known for the favourite but three of the 89 entries will join a record 38 1. horse power raiding party on Cagnes-sur-Mer next week. Fitness is always at a premium in the first leg of the spring tinued "I like a horse with a property of the spring tinued "I like a horse with a property of the spring tinued "I like a horse with a property of the spring tinued "I like a horse with a property of the spring tinued "I like a horse with a property of the spring tinued think he would run well as long as he is not tinued "I like a horse with a property of the spring tinued think he would run well as long as he is not tinued the spring tinued that the spring tinued the spring tinued that the spring tinued the spring tinued the spring tinued that the spring tinued tinued the spring tinued double. So Razor Sharp, Rely rating of 25 and a speed figure On Guy and Shaady will all be joining the British task force in shows that a horse can quicken France.

Charlie Nelson is hoping to engage the services of Joe Mercer for Razor Sharp at Doneaster. "The colt had blood vessel problems last season" said the Lambourn trainer yesterday "but he ran well when second to Miss Thames at Bath and does not look to badly treated with 8st 7lb."

Willie Ryan will be on board Rely On Guy, the colt with which Reg Hollingshead won a race at Doncaster for Ian Botham last June. Geoff Huffer's regular jockey Michael Miller will be riding Shaady who is now back at Newmarket highly race of the same of the sam after an unsuccessful journey to the United States in 1983.

Philip Mitchell has booked Stone, in the hope that the pair Trail.

Tote Double: 2.0, 3.0. Treble: 1.30, 2.30, 3.30

1.30 PORT CHASE (Handicap: £2,110: 3m) (11)

Basil boy was made a can repeat their 1980 triumph unanimous favourite by all with Kings Glory. However, last instead". Mitchell said.

The general price on offer against the seven-year-old, who has been allotted 7st 2lb, is 33-

at the end of a fast race".

This afternoon the trainer has hopes of winning the second division of the Keep Novices Hurdle at Lingfield with Saratino, who was bought out of Ian Balding's stable for 7,800 guineas at the Newmarket Autumn sales. The colt was beaten five lengths by Star Of Ireland at Fakenham in December. "We went for a good touch but came unstuck" admits the trainer. "I reckon we came up something pretty

Saratino finished third to the highly rated Townley Stone, at Ascot on Saturday, when his trainer said he needed the race. The second division of this Bryn Crossley for Morality race should be won by Oregon

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90 COOMBE SPIRIT (R Elevy) J Baker 10-10

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Francome closes title gap

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John Francome, the defending champion, landed a double at Windsor yesterday with Easter Lee (11-8), and Ardent Spy (7-2) and is the Fred Winter chestnut could have only in the property of the could be at the Sp. 1 outside the could be at the Sp. 1 outside the specific terms of the could be at the Sp. 1 outside the specific terms of the specific terms now only six winners behind John O'Neill. Earlier this season O'Neill

O'Neill. Earlier this season O'Neill opened up a 22-winner gap.
Francome, on the 71 winner mark, held Lucky Rascal by threequarters of a length on the Triumph Hurdle hope Easter Lee in the opening division of the Rays Novices Hurdle, but had a much easier task on Ardent Spy. who came in eight lengths clear of Quazar Light in the Windlesham Novices Handicap Chase.

Ardent Spy. unbeaten in three runs since switching to fences this season, was a bonus victory for

season, was a bonus victory for Francome who deputised for Anthony Webber, injured in a schooling spill on Sunday. After this to hospital with a suspected fractured left leg and heavy concussion after falling off Ten

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2.0 KEEP HURDLE (Div It: novices: 4-y-o: £548: 2m) (14)

2.30 DRAWBRIDGE CHASE (Handicap: £3,054: 2m 4f) (4)

3.0 CASTLE CHASE (Novices: £1,711: 2m) (9)

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Lingfield selections

The Yorkshire trainer Mick ers Novice Chase), both to be ridden

who also partnered Long John to a five length win at Leicester at the end of December, improved his mount to steal a parrow lead at the finish only third to the 25-1 outsider Lochoisdale, trained by Jeff King. Loyal supporter shattered a fetlock final flight from Silent Echo. The latter had made most of the running

David Elsworth intends to give flight and was put down.

Two Windsor winners defying penalties were Straight Accord and Long John. Straight Accord, a winner here at the New Year meeting, took the Royal Windsor handicap chase by seven lengths for Stuart Shilston. His trainer Fulke Walwyn said: "That's the first time I've ever seen Straight Accord put in a completely clear mind. He was Easter Lee one more race before the gelding goes for the Triumph Hurdle. After yesterday's win, the Whitsbury trainer said: "Easter Lee never ran on the flat and is still a big baby. He'll beat a lot of horses in the Triumph but I don't know if he's good enough to win it.

Mrs Nicky Ledger's victory on Bujoji in the Lincolnshire Grand National trial handicap chase a Market Rasen came three days too late to qualify her husband's eleven-year-old for Aintree. But Magic Tipp, who stayed on to finish third, trained winner, will be in the line-up for the National on March 31, and is on offer with Hills at 66-1.

bred to jump but it has taken a long time to get the right idea. I'll bring him back here to try for a treble." The Berkshire wine merchant John Kirby bought wine and champagne when his bay gelding Long John, won the Weir Handicap Hurdle by a head from Silent Echo. The claimer Vince McKevitt, Windsor results

Going: Good. 1,30 RAYS HURDLE (Div 1) (Novices: \$807: £807: 2m 30yd) EASTER LEE, b c, by idion's Delight - Stacy Lee (Mrs M Hunt), 4-10-8

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LONG JOHN b g by John Spiendid - Berletta (J Kirby) 9-10-1 V McKevitt (6-2) Silent Ectro Mr R Dumroody(10-1) Super Tek R Powel(7-2 isv) TOTE: Wir: £5.10. Places: £1.70. £3.00, £2.50. DF: £47.40. CSF: £48.70. Tricest £166.20. J Kidry at Finchumpessed. Ind. B. The Calvados Kid (10-1) 4th 14 ran. 3.30 WINDLESHAM CHASE (novice hendic £1,162, 2m) TOTE: Wir: 23.40. Pisces: 21.40, 22.50, 217.30. OF: 24.50. CSF: C16.25. Tricast: 2184.90. R Armyrage at East Bisey. 8, hd. Been Mugged (25-1) 4th. 12 ran.

4.00 RAYS HURDLE (DIV II) (novices: £752. 2m30yd) LOCHBOTEDALE b g by Stege Door Johnny - Blue Law (Winterbourne Construction Ltd) 4-10.8.P Richards (25-1) 2 Minesour - S Smith Eccles (4-1) 2 By Michael Seely

1.0 Oregon Trail. 1.30 Doughmoyne. 2.0 Saratino. 2.30 Western Sunset. 3.0 Macoliver. 3.30 Pieroth.

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107cs Win: £1,50. Places £1.10, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £14.20. CSF: £13.54. Tricest: £31.93. K Morgan at Granthem. 5, 10. Golden Holly (11-2) 48t. 10 ran. Bought in for 1,000 guinkas.

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1.45 LINCOLNSHIRE GRAND NATIONAL TRIAL (nandcap: £3,125; 4m 2f)

2.15 SLEAFORD HURDLE (Div 1: novices: 2979:

2.45 HORNCASTLE CHASE (Novices: £1,35%

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8 ____C Bell (9-1) 1 _____I J O'Nell (13-2) ____R Hyett (11-10 tev) TOTE: Whr: 213.70. Places: 21.90, 21.90, 21.90. 09. 222.40. CSC: 696.42. O Brennen at Newsrit: 194, 194, Suizano (33-1) 4th - 17 rgn. PLACEPOT: 519.70.

Eidman's illness . a worry to Wales

Wales have a worry over the fitness of their tight-head prop. Ian Eidman, for the five nations championship match agains Scotland at Cardiff, on Saturday, Fidman, of Cardiff, was sent home without taking part in the team's final training at the South Wales Police ground in Bridgend yesterday. He was believed to be suffering from a chest infection.

The chairman of selectors, Rod Morgan said that Eidman would have a fitness test tomorrow before any decision on a possible replacement was taken. The Newport tight-head. Rhys Morgan, was called up for yesterday's two-hour practice and could compete with the Bridgend and British Lion prop. Ian Stephens, should Eidman be forced to cry off.

The players who missed last Sunday's squad training - Bob Ackerman (bruised thigh). David Pickering (tonsilius) and David Richardson (chest infection) - all took part yesterday.

Fergus Slattery passed a fitness test on Tuesday night after being out for three weeks with a viral infection and will win his sixty-first cap in Ireland's back row against France in Paris on Saturday. Roly Meates, chairman of the Irish selectors, said: "It is a relief that we can now field the side originally selected. There is no more experienced player in the game than Fergus Slattery and we are satisfied he is fit."

Coventry, who are already severely disrupted by injury, received more bad news yesterday when their captain, Steve Thomas, was ruled out of next week's John Player Cup home tie against laioster.

Thomas has had the plaster on his broken wrist replaced for a formight. Also unable to play will be the Coventry lock forward, Rob Fardoe, who has injured a rib cartilage.

From head to foot Cambridge have measure of visitors

By Nicholas Keith

RUGBY UNION

Cambridge University.....21 Australian Universities....10

Australian Universities began their first British tour with a defeat at Grange Road yesterday under a clear, Cambridge-blue sky. The powerful Australian pack dominated the scrummages and lineouts, where they won a generous share of possession; but they found them-selves outwitted by the fleet-footed, quick-thinking Cambridge backs, who were the mainspring of their side's victory by two goals and three penalties to a try and two penalties. This was the first of eight matches in five weeks for the Australians, whos party of 25 included the expected nucleus from Sydney, but without the quota of internationals

of a few years ago. (It is not only Britain which has suffered a decline in univerity rugby). Only Patrick Allaway, the captain and hooker, who has played for the Australian under-21 team has experience

beyond schools level.

The Cambridge scrummage was often forced back by solid eight-man shoves and they found the Austrialians arriving quickly to the loose ball. However, the visitors's notes out rowever, the visitors midfield play was rusty, which is not so surprising, as it is midsummer in Australia. David Loxton, at full back, looked firm in defence but he missed two penalties and two attempted dropped goals. The main difference between the

The main difference between the two sides was in the backs and Cambridge continued where they had left off against Oxford last December. Indeed they fielded 14 of the side who triumphed at Twickenham. They were never afraid to attack, even from behind their own goalline, and they kept punching holes in the green-and-gold defence through counterthrusts backs and forwards.

Cambridge scored first after six minutes, when Andrew and Simms

captain cut inside to give a scoring pass to his flanker, Morrison. Andrew, who scored 13 of Cambridge's points landed the conversion, only for Loxton to bring the Austrialians level with two

Simon Roberts, the Cambridge scrum half, finished off an excellent move with a try between the posts in the twenty-seventh minute. Andrew kicked the conversion and added a penalty shortly before half-time.

Early in the second half Andrey kicked his second penalty with the ball creeping over after hitting the crossbar. A period of intense Australain pressure followed and they were rewarded with the try by Peter Farr-Jones on the right after a neat kick ahead by Wright, the stand-off.

However, the Australians per-sisted in kicking away their possession rather than trusting their hands and, no doubt, frustration was partly the cause of a collasped scrummage towards the end which gave Andrew his third penalty.

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Release A Trigg (London).

Victory comes after merriment

Ground gained was one thing,

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Oxford University

The Army 8 The weather gave a fine welcome to Oxford University at the start of a new term but the students received a frosty welcome from the Army,

pieces paved the way to their win at lifley Road yesterday by two tries to two penalty goals.

The University were led for the first time by O'Brien, the centre who made history in the University match last December by winning a blue for Oxford as well as Cambridge and was elected captain

this week. His secretary is Pearson, the scrum half, one of nine blues who took the field against the Army. The military themselves were not at full strength, missing Warfield, their captain, who damaged a knee against Hampshire, and Wilson, the Headingley flanker who will miss the inter-services championship because of glandular fever. Peacock, the Yorkshire lock, was also unavailable which did not prevent

scoring was another. There was a lack of discernment on both sides whether to run or to kick, which created a certain amount of reated a certain amount of merriment when Christopher, the Army flanker, gratefully accepted an Oxford pass from a lineout and, equally firmly, planted his pass into Pearson's hands.

Adding insult to injury. Oxford received a five-metre scrum but were pushed off their own ball, the Army went straight down the other end and again pushed the students off the ball. Davies rubbing the salt into the wound by scoring a try which Blomquist, who had earlier missed an angled penalty attempt,

missed an angled penalty attempt, could not convert.

Blomquist, meticulous in his preparations for goal-kicking but not in his accuracy, missed another penalty just after the interval and a well-timed run by Toogood helped carry Oxford back downfield.

McQuaid, supporting faithfully, was brought down just short by some brought down just short by some desperate cover but the students' reward came when the Army failed

the Army from exercising a to retreat 10 metres at a penalty and formidable drive at the set scrums Pearson, from the 22, kicked the

It was McQuaid, too, who led Oxford's drive to the Army posts where Davies fell offside and Pearson kicked a simple penalty. The lead lasted three minutes: Toogood was forced to kick dead from Davies's chip, and the Army pack ground forward for Travers to win a pushover try.

win a pushover try.

OXPORD UNIVERSITY: G Toogood (Bromsgrove and Lincoln): 'A Findey (Marborough and St Edmund Hall), D Coleman (King Edward's, Liverpool, and University), 'T O'Brian (Bradford GS and University), captain), M Hendle (Gleralmond and Exoter), C Evens (Y Part CS and Jesus), S Pearson (Uppinghein and Trinity); D Mille (University of Capacione and St Catherine's), J Greathaigh (Sedburgh and Pembroke), "N Hernod (King Henry VIII, Coventry, and St John's), T Marvin (Radey and St Catherine's), J Roseir (Halleybury and Keble), 'S McCusald (Bradford SS and Keble), M Gargan (St Peter's, York, and St Edmund Hall). THE ARMY: Sgt M Blomoute (Rie), Sgt D Johnson (RWF), Cpl P Lockett (REMS), Cpl J Straw (RACC), Col H Tucker (Lip: Lit A Mackay (RCT), Sgr Inet G Devies (APTC, captain): Capt C Harvey (DWR), Lit R Bedford (RE), Cpl J Brown (RACC), Col H Tucker (Lip: Lit A Mackay (RCT), Sgr Inet G Devies (APTC, captain): Capt C Harvey (DWR), Lit R Bedford (RE), Cpl J Brown (RACC), Control B McCall (REMS), (Fep. Sgt J Byrma, REMS), Lit D Bell (RCT), Sgt C Christopher (RACC), Sgt R Travers (RAOC).



HOCKEY

Groundwork by Gordon

By Sydney Friskin

London University Army.....

carried them to a decisive victory over London University in a fast and entertaining match at Motspur Park yesterday. Having led 2-1 at

half-time, the Army, who have not lost a match this season, became more assertive in the second half. Much of their groundwork was done down the right wing by Gordon, whose colleagues profited from his accurate centres. Un-fortunately for him, he received a facial injury from a swinging stick and had to leave the field towards the end, so that the Army , having

already used the one reserve they had, were reduced to 10 men. Jennings, the Army centre forward, combined well with Jolly. TOTE: Wire 23.70. Places: £1.90, £1.70, £3.80, DF: £50.80. CSF: £29.90. Tricast: £589.04. R Ledger at Stdingbourne. 107, 1L Jes (20-1) 4th. bir Snugfil (13-8 lav), 11 ran. atthough this pair had played together for the first time this season. Yet Jennings decided to go it alone when he scored the Army's first goal, in the minth minute. Their lead was increased in the twenty-

sixth minute by Grossmith from a centre by Gordon. TOTE: Whr: 228.20. Places: 13.90, 27.20, sp. 07: 5127.50. CSF: 2189.73. M W starty at Sheriff Hutton. 71, 51, Sb. 0 Sk. ction (5-4 bay) 471. 15 ran.

John Parrott, who best Alex

Parrott, from Liverpool, who lost narrowly to Steve Davis in the Lads event must play Neil Foulds and Tony Jones, at Sheffield snooker centre on Saturday, in his challenge to qualify for the Yamaha finals at the Account Davis next the Assembly Rooms, Derby, next

Two minutes before the interval Makin scored for London from a short corner during some confusion in the Army's defence, Jennings, who had run out prematurely before the hit was taken, not having been given time to get back to the line.

The Army had a goal disallowed

from a short corner early in the second half, but Jennings scored from another one in the sixteenth minute. Jolly's fourth goal for the Army, from Gordon's centre, was answered by Wilson for London, who converted a penalty stroke, but a few minutes before the end James scored from another centre by Gordon to complete a good day's work for the Army

LONDON UNIVERSITY: J West (Imperial College); C Wall (London Hospital), T Wilson (University College, capitaln), M Murray (Imperial College), P Barron (St Mary's Hospital), J Brooker (SAOS), C Seng Kong (London Hopfal), S Rimmer (King's College), P Underdown (Bettlord), M Cox (Gueen Mary's College), A Makin (Charing Cross Hospital). ARMY: L/Cpl D Miller (REME): Spt C Peach (RAPC), Spt S Dove-Dutte (RCT). Capt G B Grossmith (REC captain), feath Staff Spt F Redgers (RAPC), Capt C Wood (RE), Lt P Leption (Green Howested), Lt N Gordon (RA), Lt J Leby (RA), L/Cpl 1 Jennings (Para), Lt A Scopes (RE), Lt G Jennes (Royal Signata, Lt Aughress WO M Rickett (RAP) and C J Jenking (Surrey).

SNOOKER

No easy road for Parrott If Parrott succeeds in his group,

Higgins and Tony Knowles, in he will then sace another qualifying reaching the semi-finals of the Lada classic last week, will have to prethe world's top Professionals in the the world's top Professionals in the televised finals. qualify for the Yamaha Keyboards International Masters tournamment The Yamaha sponsors yesterday discussed a ban on alcohol for the tournament, after the rowdy scenes during the final of the Lada Classic.

Benson and Hedges Masters tournament will not be allowed to take drinks into the auditorium, a spotsman for the event emphasized

BOBSLEIGH

Fitness gives Russians the edge on starts From Chris Moore Igls

As the Russians communed to set As the Russians continued to set the fastest times in practice at the European bobsleigh championships in Igls yesterday, it became clear their revolutionary sledge is not the only reason for their success, as their team are all accomplished athletes, capable of running 100 terrors in made 11 seconds. metres in under 11 seconds.

This was confirmed to me last night by Dimitri Babichenko, their doctor. "From May to October all our team are involved in affiletic events of one kind" he said. That goes a long way towards explaining the Russians' insistently

good start times which are significantly important. Since they unveiled their new sledge four months ago in Winterberg where they shocked the sport with a totally unexpected victory in the Veltins cup, several other leading nations have attempted to copy the Russian

design. Yesterday we saw the new West Yesterday we saw the new West German version for the first time driven by Anton Fischer, their reigning two-man champion. But his times were two seconds slower than the Russians and even taking into account his unfamiliarity with the sledge and its new steering system he was clearly not over-impressed.

Klaus Kopp, his team mate, in a similar siedge was a second faster. However, all eyes today will be on Raioh Pichler, the current world two-man champion who will be driving the Swiss answer to the

Russians.

Melcolm Lloyd, of Britain, was in San Montz on Monday when Pichler was only one second off the track record there in his first run in the new Swiss bob: "I talked to him afterwards and he was very happy with its performance", Lloyd said

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Newton Abbot

GOING: Heavy

Tim Forster and Hywel Davies team up with the consistent

chaser Western Sunset (2.30)

1.15 CHELSTON HURDLE (Div I: novices: £896: 2m 5f 110yd) (16

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DISON LASS (J Payne) J Payne 5-11-8
CARP (H Davies) Mrs E Kemnerd 6-11-3
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JUST LUCK (Commander C Batfour) N Gassine 5-10-12
LAVERIMA (J Pryce) J Pryce 5-10-12
LITTON MISS (Mrs N Vincent) R Hodges 5-10-12
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TAW CROSSING (C J HB) C HB 4-10-0

2 Wonder Wood, 100-30 Sammy Lux, 5 Brave Maiden, 13-2 Radgrave Rosa, 8 Just Luck, 10 n Lass, 12 Gandouge Lane, 16 others. 1.45 BABBACOMBE CHASE (selling handicap: £713: 2m 150yd) (16)

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Easterby sends his first runners for nearly eight years to Kempton on Saturday. They are the treble seeking pair of B and K Emperor (Bic Razor Novice Chase) and Bally-Go (Hampton Amateur Rid-2.45 TOTE HURDLE (hand/cap: £1,791: 2m 150yd) (14)

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Newton Abbot selections By Our Racing Staff

1.15 Redgrave Rose, 1.45 Hopeful Answer, 2.15 Rickleigh Bridge, 2.45 Bull Ring, 3.15 Baron Blakeney, 3.45 Bandelaro.

On eve of battle Willis draws solace from problems of the enemy

The rain bursts in from the north, over Mount Victoria, in squalls, long grey fingers raking the city and then disappearing southwards down the bay. A younger member of the England party asked brightly: "Is this where they invented the boots?" Even the veteran travellers among England's cricketers, huddled in sweaters and raincoats, find it difficult to remember that less than a fortnight ago they were com-plaining of Fiji's heat and humidity.

In all these circumstances the Basin Reserve, where England by thinking of his enemy's start the first Test match against difficulties. All is far from rosy New Zealand tomorrow, is well in the New Zealand camp: not named. The state of the playing one of their 12 can be said to be area raised first the eyebrows then the ire of Alan Smith, the manager. The prospects of playing on a pitch that may still be damp, will be well grassed and which looked far from flat concentrated the selectors' minds wonderfully. England will play six specialist batsmen and three specialist bowlers, with Botham and Taylor, as ever, the indispensables.

It is easier to be dogmatic about the formation than the names, but it seems likely that Marks, Cowans and Smith will be the spectators. Whether Dilley or Cook is twelth man will depend on what is revealed to Willis, the captain, when the tarpaulins are rolled back for the last time; but there is a strong likelihood that neither side will play a spinner. An application to the editor of Wisden to disqualify, automatically, all Test matches that do not include a spin bowler would receive strong support from me.

England were unable to practice on arrival in the capital on Tuesday afternoon because Wellington had taken half an average January's rainfall in the previous 24 hours. The ground authority had left the area uncovered, not wishing to 'sweat" the grass and even the use of a helicopter, costing £100 an hour, could not provide a

Conditions improved a little yesterday morning. The fast bowlers were able to use their full run on a strip marked out on the edge of the square. The net areas were sodden and those of the team who wished to were able to use the indoor school, a practice not favoured by those who believe that moving back on to an artificial surface is a detrimental step.

But there was no member of the New Zealand Cricket Council to greet the England party to explain the difficulties, one of which is, apparently, that the wheeled covers used on almost every other Test ground around the world are impossible

From Derek Hodgson, Wellington disappointed in that at this stage of the tour, with a critical match on Friday, we are unable to do anything like as much as we need to do. We wanted to use every day available to us up talk to New Zealand's team this to the Test match."

Willis added: "We were all pretty rusty in Auckland. The weather was kind in Palmerston and Hamilton but we needed long work-outs yesterday and today. A five-day Test, with no rest day, will come as a shock to the system".

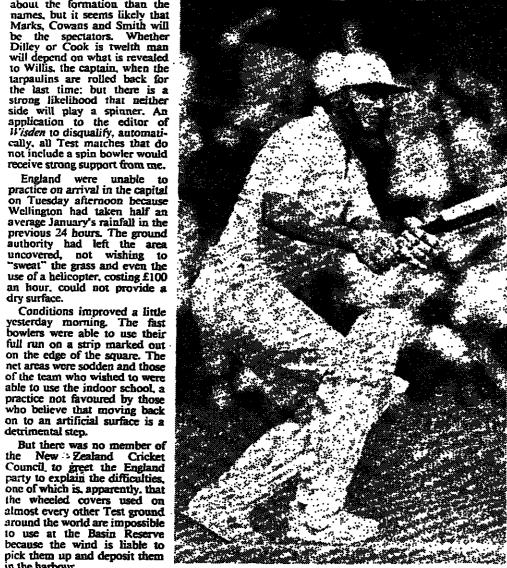
The good general can always comfort himself, on battle eve, enjoying a good summer. Hadlee, their match winner, who has had a strained left side. bowled yesterday for the first time in a fortnight after he and Howarth, his captain, had indulged in a little sniping through the media.

That brought a public con-Auckland lawyer (at least Willis has never had to cope with a lawyer, barrack room or other wise, in his side) which led in turn to a decision by Bob Vance, the council chairman, to evenine.

Howarth, too, plans to address his team on the need for unity. From another direction Hadlee growled: "We've got to start treating the English like we treat Australia. We wouldn't give the Aussies an inch. We gave England a mile over there last year.

New Zealand's preparations received a lift vesterday when John Wright, their opening batsman, passed a fitness test. Wright, who has been suffering from a back injury had a testing work out at the indoor nets.

Assuming play gets started this could be an epic Test match. The conditions suggest there will be a result and whoever wins will command the series for neither Christdemnation from a third mem-ber of the team. Snedden, an the players call a "results



The usually urbans Smith Wright: a characteristic stroke from New Zealand's opening but who is now fit to play

Lloyd likely to be fit

Sydney (Reuter) - The West Indies captain, Clive Lloyd, is expected to recover from injury in time to face Pakistan in their World Series Cup day and night match

series Cup day and night match here today.

Lloyd injured a finger attempting a slip catch during West Indies' win over Australia in the triangular tournament on Monday. Their manager, Wesley Hall, said: "The ball drove the nail on the ring finger of his right hand into the cuticle. It looked nasty when it happened, but it's improved a lot and I'm tipping him to play." him to play."

Marshail and Garner, who have

Marshall and Garner, who have missed the last two games because of leg injuries, were given a better than even chance of playing.

West Indies have already established a clear advantage in the qualifying stage, with six points to three each by Australia and Pakistan. The three teams have all played four of their 10 games.

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JOHANNESBURG: The South
African selectors have dropped the opening batsman, Henry Fothering-ham, and brought in two new players after the defeat by the

Sydney (Renter) - Cardboard drinks trays have been banned at Sydney Cricket Ground after being used as misslles among the crowd during rowdy scenes at Tuesday's match between West Indies and Australia. Most of the 79 people detained were charged with being

detanten were charget with being drunk and disorderly, police said.

The trays, perforated with holes for six plastic cups and described by police as dangerous missiles, were continually spun over the heads of several thousand spectators. unofficial West Indian side here on

Tuesday.

Fotheringham makes way for Mandy Yachad and Dave Richardson, named in a squad of 13 for a one-day match here on Saturday. Both are batsmen and Richardson is also a useful wicketkeeper who

Zambian wants to carry his bat for England

Derbyshire, who want to register the Zambia-born Bruce Roberts as "English" in time for next season, have been asked to prove that he has lived in this country for four years. Roberts, whose mother is British, holds a British passport and wants to be considered eligible for English Test cricket; but the Test and County Cricket Board are

emanding proof.

Derbyshire's chief executive, Roger Pearman, explained: "A four-year residential qualification is one of the conditions and Bruce, who is only 21, has never owned a house in this country. Because of this we have got to prove that he was actually resident for four years

rather visitor. than just an occasional An all-rounder. Roberts cannot play for Derbyshire except as an Englishman.

 Sussex are in the red again and expect a deficit for the last financial year of about £30,000.

ATHLETICS

Hiroshima casts a cloud over London

A decision that has denied having been beaten by an Australian London the opportunity of a second bid to stage the World Cup for track marathon in the city in 1985 is being and field events in 1985. But the marathon in the city in 1985 is being and field events in 1985. But the challenged by a body headed by Chris Brasher, organizer of the London Marathon. At a meeting before Christmas the International Amateur Athletic Federation awarded their first World Marathon Cup to Hiroshima but the Association of and Mr Brasher had been given the to Hiroshima but the Association of International Marathons (AIMS), of which Mr Brasher is president is questioning the procedure by which Hiroshima was chosen.

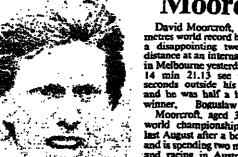
The race, a world team cham-pionship, had originally been offered to Japan almost two years ago by the IAAF as a consolation for

BAAB, disclosed this week that he and Mr Brasher had been given the support of the Greater London Council the Metropolitan Police and a "series of sponsors" for the second marathon after "we really got a push from the IAAF to put in a bid." The planned date was October 20, six months after the London Marathon.

Japanese then changed their minds, asked to be reconsidered and were awarded the race on the basis of their prior claim, although the decision was supposed not to be taken until March.

What is further irking the members of AIMS, who had persuaded their national federations to put in bids for the event, is that the race was to be held in autumn, 1985 in order to avoid the big springtime marathons like London, Paris. Rotterdam and Boston. However, Hiroshima could stage the race only in the spring and that has been accepted by the IAAF.

Moorcroft out of touch



Moorcroft: finished half a lap behind the winner

David Moorcroft, Britain's 5,000 metres world record holder, finished a disappointing twelfth over the distance at an international meeting in Melbourne yesterday. His time of 14 min 21.13 see was some 80 seconds outside his world record and he was half a lap behind the winner, Boguslaw Maminski, Moorcroft, aged 30, missed the

winner, Boguslaw Maminski, Moorcroft, aged 30, missed the world championships in Helsinki last August after a bout of hepatitis and is spending two months training and racing in Australia and New Zealand in an attempt to achieve an extension of the nine pre-selections. Allan Wells, was in more encouraging form, winning the 100 and 200 metres. He took his Olympic gold medal winning event, the 100 metres, in 10,60 sec and the 200 metres. Zealand m an attempt to achieve an Olympic qualifying time of 13 min 22' see. Some indication that he might be returning to form was given in December when he finished second to Tim Hutchings in the matters, in 10.60 see and the ZW metres in 21.18 see. After the longer race Wells said: "The conditions were terrible. I knew the wind would be against me in the straight so I had to be in a good position at the bead."

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and food and cooking (sometime in the same half hour). Regular nems include news at 6.30 and half-hourty until 8.30; Sport (6.40 and 8.40). television preview (6.55). Morning papers (7.18 and 8.18).

9.00 Mind How You Go: Jimmy Savile on the danger of drinking and driving (r); 9.10 The Genuine Article: The trade in fake stamps, with John Fitzmaurice Mills (r); 9.35 Pages from Ceefax.

10.30 Play School: Grotty the Robot: 10.55 Pages from Cestax; 12.30 News After Noon; 12.57 Regional News. And Financial Report (London Area). 1.00 Pebble Mili et One: Includes

Jill Crawshaw, the holidays expert, 1.45 King Rollo; 1.50

2.00 The Afternoon Show Terry olt on how a hearing handicap has affected his life. And a nutritionist comon a consumer affairs expert's food and drink intake during a seven-day period. Also an interview with Jimmy Boyle. 2.40 Dynasty: Storm clouds on the

wedding horizon as the big

moment draws night for Blake Carrington and Krystle (r). 3.50 The Amazing Adventures of Morph: with Tony Hart; 3.55 Play School; It's Thursday; 4,20 Heathcliff the Cat: cartoon; 4.25 Jackanory: Victoria Wood reads from Anthony Paul's The Tiger Who Lost His Stripes: 4.40 Fonz and the Happy Days Ganc:

News Round; 5.10 Blue Peter. 5.40 Sixty Minutes: The line up is: 5.40 News; 5.54 Weather; 5.55 Regional magazines; 6.38 Closing Headlines.

6.40 Dr Who: First episode of The Awakening. With Peter Davison and Polly James.

7.05 Tomorrow's World science and technology for everyman. Tonight's edition investigates the burglar alarm that talks: how salt water is being used to store solar energy for electricity; and a way of telling il bottles are cracked after you have filled them - by just istening to them.

8.05 The Living Planet: First of 12 programmes which, together ke up a protrait of the earth The films explore all the environments, and the life they support. Our guide: David Attenborough (see Choice).

9.00 News: with John Humphrys. 9.25 Diana: The second episode of Andrew Davies's adapatiation of R F Delderfield's novel has the lowly Jan (Stephen J Dean) setting out to make a man of himself so that he can impress the spoilt rich pirl, Diana (Patsy Kensit).

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10.20 Question Time: Tonight's panel – Francis Pym, MP; Sir John Hoskyns (a former member of Mrs Thatcher's and Des Wilson, chairman of the environmental group Clear. In the chair, SIr Robin Day. From the Greenwood Theatre,

11.20 Letting go: New series about parents and teenagers. Two women who were teenagers in a 1966 BBC TV programme, They discuss the aspects of modern-day teenage life (schooling for example) that differ from the ones they

11.45 News Headlines. And weather prospects for Friday.

TV-am 6.25 Good Morning Britain; with Nick Owen and Anna Diamond. Today's "specials" include Jeremy Beadle (7.05, 8.05), Films (8.05), Royal Diary (8.45), and Michael Barry's Cookery item (9.05). Regular items include news at 5.30, then half-hourly until 9,00: Sport (6,35, 7,35), Med Lizzie (6.50, 9.15) guest of the day (7.40) and Competition Time

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9.25 Thames news headlines; 9.30 For Schools; 9.30 Cheese; 9.42 Magic and Mystery; 9.59 1..2..3..Go; 10.11 Moving 10.28 People and Politics: 10.50 Bones; I 11.08 Basil Brush; 11.22 The Dairy Men; 11.39 German Programme; in

12.00 Emma and Grandpa: for the toddlers (repeated at 4.00); 12.10 Get up and Go with Beryl Reid (r); 12.30 The Sullivans: serial about a family in wartime Australia.

1.00 News at One; 1.20 Thames News: 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Crown Court: The verdict in

the case of the woman (Carol Frazer) who claims she was the mistress of an MP (Gerald Flood), and bore his son; 2.30 The Agatha Christie Hour, In a Gless Darkly. With Nicholas Clay and Emma Piper, A vision of horror in a mirror (r); 3.30 Sons and Daughters: Figns is in financial difficultie

4.00 Children's ITV: Emma and cartoon: 4.20 Do It: more about Sheelagh and her newspaper supplements; 4.45 This is Me: Story of a young lad, Christopher Hinds, who their "eyes"; 5.15 The Young Doctors: Dr Steele asks Jill a

5.45 News; 6.00 Thames News; 6.30 Thames Sport. With Stave Rider and Simon Reed. Highlights from last night's Milk Cup ties; boxing from the US; and Steve Rider discovers how money is being raised to fund the 1984 Olympic Games

7.00 Knight Rider: The identity of el Knight's wonder car KITT is re-established. With David Hasselhoff.

8.00 The Steam Video Company: An updated comedy version of R I. Stevenson's classic horror story, retitled The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll, and written by Andrew Marshall and David nwick. The cast include William Franklyn, Barry Cryer, Anna Dawson, Madeline Smith, and Bob Todd.

8.30 Hotel: A group of political extremists use the St Gregory Hotel to whip up racial hatred. With Anne Baxter, James Brolin and Connie Sellecca.

9.30 TV Eye: Missing Children. Should there be a change in the law to allow a 'cooling off' period when they are found and before the police reunite them with their parents - aperiod when they can receive expert help and advice? Peter Prendergaast reports.

10.00 News at Ten. Followed by

10.30 Film: The Thief Who Came to Dinner (1973) Comedy thriller with Ryan O'Neal as the computer programmer who is also a cat burgler. Not all that easy to follow, and not as sharply written or directed as it ought to have been. But the cast is attractive, including as it does Jacqueline Bisset, the late Warren Oates, and Jill Clayburgh. Directed by Bud Yorkin.

12.25 Night Thoughts: with the Rev Donald Reeves, Rector of St James's, in Piccadilly.



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9.00 Pages from Ceefax; 9.15 Daytime on Two (until 3.00pm)

Spanish lesson: 9.52 Talkabout; 10.12 Science

Workshop; 10.34 Claire

Better Badminton; 12.20 Visions of Change (1950s newsreets and TV); 12.45

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6.35 Hooked! Return of the angling

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news stories. Ends at 11.30pm

Mary Tamm and Dominic

Pierrefeu overlooking

there is much more to

10.10 Rowan and Martin's Laugh-in:

Jonathan Winters (r).

10.40 Newsnight: Bulletins and analysis of the day's main

French.

9.30 Forty Minutes: Swiss

7.05 Film: So Long at the Fair

takes and a stretch of the river

Competitors include the 1983 winner, Dennis Lipscombe.

animated short.

The line-up is: 9.15 Encounter Spain; 9.33 Decubra España:

Rayner; 11.05 Bags of Sugar; Wales Country Crafts; 11.55

 With a bit of luck, Granada
 Television's THE ROAD TO 1984
 (Channel 4, 9.30pm) will conclude the first phase of television's obsessional preoccupation with Orwell, it has been a crowded road and though most of the vehicles (in particular, the films in the Arena series on BBC 2) have known exactly where they were going and took us with them on the road to a clearer perception of the political and social forces that shaped Orwell, the landscape was starting to become thresomely familiar. Willis Hall's film tonight offers a couple of Orwellian views that we have not seen before and is, therefore, welcome. It opts for dramatized sequences from Orwell's later life and from *Animai Farm* and *Nin* Eighty-four in an attempt to explain

totalitarianism and his identification

CHANNEL 4

word-making game, transferred to the television

Chris Serie heads the new

5.30 Everybody Here: Multicultural

6.00 Barriers: Episode three of this

screen. This is the last round this week, it is hosted by Alan Coren, the editor of Punch.

children's magazine. Today: Greek printing; some delicious

desserts that youngsters can

drame serial about an orphaned teenager (Senedict Taylor) in search of his natural

parents. Tonight, he and his

guardian (Paul Rogers) fly to Munich to meet a freelance

iournalist whom the quardian

Interviews Professor Robert

Skidelsky, author of a recently published biography of John

economics is more a branch of

theology than science. There is film of the 1944 Bretton

Woods conference that established the International

of the European Centre for Political Studies, on London.

region of Beaune, in France,

being directed from the studio by clues-hunters Brigadier

Walter Greenway, and Richard Pailthorpe, administrator of the Weald and Downland Open

Air Museum in Sussex where

the retired brigadier also works. With Kenneth Kendall.

money demanded by Elaine's kidnappers. And Jodie

prepares for his wedding to

plays George Orwell in Willis Hall's dramatization of the

turning points in the writers's life. Janet Dale plays his first wife Eileen, and Julia Goodman plays Sonia

Brownell whom Orwell married

cornedy series, starring Tony Randall as the bachelor whom

we first encountered in Channel 4's film Sidney Shor,

A Girl's Best Friend, screened

island of Cos; Chris Kelly visits Alton Towers thems park in

Statfordshire, and Ed Stewart and family investigate San Francisco and its environs (A

second showing of the Thames TV programme first seen last Monday). Ends at

11.30 Wish You Were Here?: Judith

Chalmers visits the Greek

on his death bed. David

Wheatley directed. (See

Choice).

last year.

9.30 The Road to 1984: James Fox

9.00 Soap: Danny and Burt prepare

to hand over the ranson

7.50 Comment: A platform for the views of Roger Morgan, head

8.00 Treasure Hunt: The energetic rarely-despairing Anneka Rice is flown to the wine-growing

7.00 Channel Four News.

6.30 Today's History: Roger Ople

Maynard Keynes. And Professor J K Galbraith

explains why he believes

nad helped 10 years earlier (r).

5.00 Television Scrabble: The

challenge.

prepare,

CHOICE

with society's outcasts. I say "attempts to explain" because Mr Hall expects us to infer deep significance from situations that are too lightly sketched in (the Spanish Civil War episode, for example, and his sojourn among the down-and-outs). James Fox plays Orwell, and though the resemblance depends heavily on moustache and clothing, Mr Fox has lately developed his actor's skill so remarkably that we learn something new about this complex man who took so many of the secrets of his complexity with him to his early grave.

THE LIVING PLANET (BBC 1, 8.05) is an environmental study, which is as bleakly off-putting as to

Radio 4

6.00 Farming Today, 6.25 Shipping.

8.30 Today, incl. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Prayer, 6.55, 7.55 Weather, 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25,

9.05 Ray Gosling – In The House O1 . . . George Walker, owner of leisure empire (r).

9.30 The Living World. IQ.00 News; in Business (new series).

10.30 Morning Story: "I Spy a Stranger" by Jean Rhys. Read by Peggy Ann Wood. 10.45 Daily Service.

11.00 News; Travet; My Thanks to Uncle Fred. Isabella Walfaces tribute to her tamous uncle Fred Gaisberg, the gramophone recording pioneer (r).

12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Get The Most Out Of Your Body (3) The Giblets. 12.55 Weather;

1.00 The World At One: News.

menstrual cycle.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's items include an exploration by Sally Feldman of the myths,

morals and manners of the

3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Shakespear

4.00 News; Just After Four. Diary of a drive through Iran (by Lynn Ten

4.10 Bookshelf. Radio 4's book programme. The life of a foreign correspondent. Hunter Davies talks to Noel Barber and Anthony

4.40 Story Time: "The Leopard" by Guiseppe di Lampedusa (4).

Guiseppe di Lampeduse (4).
Read by Gabriel Woolfe.
5.00 News magazine. 5.59 Shipping.
5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial

BBC1 Wales 12.57-1.00pm News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.53 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Wales Today. 11.45 News of Wales headlines. Scotland

News of Wales headines. Scotland 12.55-1.00pm News. 5.53 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scotland: Sixty Minutes) Scotland: Sixty Minutes 7.05-7.30 Soccer Six. Highlights of the semi-final stage of this indoor 6-a-side footbell competition at the Coasters Arens. Falkirk. 11.45 News headines. Northern Ireland 12.57-1.00pm Northern Ireland news. 3.48-3.50 (Northern Ireland news. 5.53 (Part of Linutes) Scotland 12.53-1.35 (Part of Linutes) Scotland 13.11.45 (Part of Li

Sorty Minutes) Scene Around Six. 11.45 News headlines. England 5.53pm (Part of Sixty Minutes). 11.50 Close.

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Guto Goch A Malwen, 5.15 Stop Siafins. 5.30 Abbott and Costello Show. 6.00 Brookside, 6.30 Here's Lucy, 7.00 Newyddion Seith, 7.30 Ar Adain Chwim. 8.00 Coleg. 8.30 A Childhood. 9.25 Drama Diriau. 10.35 Netional Theatre of Brent's Messiah. 11.30 Nuclear State. 12.30am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:
1.20pm-1.30 Lunchime.
3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-6.45 At Ease. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.25 Police Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmardale Farm. 7.30-8.00 Carry on Laughing. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Film: Murder on the Midnight Express.
12.20am News, Closedown.

SHORT LETS

CAC Starts 2.00pm Hwnt Ac Yma.

2.20 Fiz

Grey. Also, Alan Coren, the editor of Punch talks about his favourite

Anternoon I neare: Snakespeare on 5 dollars a Day, by Douglas Kennedy. The story of the downfall of an American professor of English, specializing in Shakespeare, who lands a job at a Dublin university. With Blain Fairman and Margaret D'Arcy t.

8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather, Travel.

say that the series that spawned it, Life on Earth, was a treatise about fauna. The happy truth is that David Attenborough's new, 12-part series, is just as academic as its pradecessor was - that is, not at all. Having established, in Life on Earth. how animal families have their own potential, Mr Attenborough now sets about explaining how, in each of the Earth's environments (mountains, oceans, forests, deserts, and so on) animals and plants have adapted to their physical surroundings, And, if all that sounds a bit academic, just wait until you see tonight's film, with its tearsome volcanic activity (visual)

and its detailed account (Mr Attenborough, verbal) of the Frozen World.

eruption of Krakatoa. The excitement should cool of a bit with

6.30 My Word! f. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Concert Prelude. A look ahead to

7.30 Halfe Orchestra. Concert. Part naso Crististra. Concert. Part one. Direct from the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, Part 1: Brahme (Tragic Overture) and Tippett (Plano Concerto, with Paul Concelant

8.40 Concert Part 2: Dworak (Symphony No 9: From the New World) 1: 9.35 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.

Mirror of Opinion.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Nineteer

11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Close, Shipping Forecast.

Includes interviews with Hans Hother on the occasion of his 75th birthday, together with comment on Alexander Zinoviev's book The Reality of Communism and David Rehistoon's book The

Eighty-Four" by George Onwell (14). Read by Kenneth Haigh. The World Tonight, incl. 11.00 Financial World Tonight.

England VHF as above except 6.25-6.30 am Weather: Travel. 9.95-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-

9.05-12:00 Pro Schools, 7-35-2.00 pm Listening Corner, 2.00-3.00 For Schools, 5.50-5.55 PM (commund), 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Allez France, 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-time Broadcasting, 12.30 Books, Plays, Poems 12.45

Radio 3

7.05 Morning Concert: part one.
Cimarosa's overture The Secret
Marriage; Kozeluh's Bassoon
Concerto (with Frantisek

Hermann as soloist); Haydn's

8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Dvorak's Slavonic Dance in B, Op 72, No 1; Berodin's Nottonio

(String Quartet No 2); Chopin's Ballade No 3 in A flat (Richter);

panacie nio a in A frat (Hichter); and Stravinsky's baflet Apollo.1

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News.

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2.00 News.

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Crossley) †. Any Anwers?

(Gruenberg/Vignoles); and Stanford's Songs of the Sea (Luxon and Bournemouth SO and Chorus); The Strauss Family: Strauss pere (Alice Polke), Strauss file (ballet Cinderalia, Act 1) and Joseph Strauss (Delinien Waltz).†

9.05 This Week's Composers: Parry and Stanford. Parry's, Lord. let

me know mine end (songs of Farewell), the Violin Sonata in B

19.50 Cello and Pieno: Matyas Seiber' Pantasy, and Dohmunyi's Sonate in B flat minor, Op 8 (Raphael allfisch/Richard Markhami.t 1.25 Chamber Orchestras of the World: Franz Liszt Chamber Orch, with Zoltan Kocsis (piano) perform Bach's Brandenberg Conc No 3: Corelli's Concerti Grosso, Op 6 No 4, Mozart's Pieno Conc No 12, Szollosy's Conc No 3; Mendelssohn's

Symph 9 for string orchestra. Interval reading at 12.15.† News. Bristol Lunchtime Concerts Bristol Luicenthe Concert.
recital by Wolfgang Manz (piano).
Bach's Prelude and Fugue in G
sharp minor, Book 1; Brahms's
Three Intermezzi. Op 117;
Debussy's Suite bergamasque;
and Liszt's Harmonies du Soir.! Vivaldi: Concerto in G minor for strings, RV 157; Sinfonia, Al Santo Sepolchro, RV 130; and Beatus Vir in C, RV 597, English

Baroque Soloists, Monteverdi Choir, Jennifer Smith, Patrizia Kwells, Catherine Denley and William Kendall.1 3.25 Piano Trios: Haydn's H XV 25; 5 Pisno Trios: Haydin's H XV 25; and Mendelissohn's No 1 in D minor, Op 49 (Fujikawa/Roli), 1 5 Youth Orchestras of the World: the Royal Northern College of Music Sknionia play Handel's Concerto Grosso in B Flat, Op 3 No 1: Faure's Pavane; and Haydin's Symph No 88.1

4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Michael Berkeley's selection includes Walton's sonata for strings (at

6.03).T 6.30 Bandstand: Grimethorpe Collen Band play Benjamin's Altitude, and Bourgeois's Concerto 7.00 Jane Manning and Friends: The

soprano (with Tony Hyman as accompanist) sings works by Alexander Mossolov and Peter Wiegold (first performance of Songs from Grimm).1 7.40 The Old Makers Don't Work any More: James Douglas's play for two actors (Tony MacEwan and Alan Dudley) is about a deadly psychological game between a writer whose work is under investigation by the state, and the man carrying out the investigation.

8.25 Now and Then: Beethoven's Now and Then: Beethoven's String Quartet in G major, Op 18 No 2; and Denis Aplvor's Duo Concertante, Op 71 (first performance). Played by the Chilginan Strang Quartet, with Michael Thompson (horn) and Catherine Dubols (plano). Part

 9.10 A Field in Space: Robert Trotter reads Elspeth Davie's story. 9.25 Now and Then: part two. Beethoven's Sonata in F Major, Op 17; and Adrian Williams's String Quartet No 2 (first broadcast).† 10.20 Music in our Time: Ockeghem, arr Birrwistie (Ut heremita solus). David Lumsdaine (Ruhe samte, sante ruh' from Mandala III, and Robin Walker (Dadamo siti) es in self-expression). With Shelagh Sutherland (500), Lontano, and Odaline de la маліпеz (pizno). i1,15 News. Until 11,18.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00 and 9.00)
Major Busetins: 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00 pm,
5.00 and 12.00 midnight headings: 5.30,
6.30, 7.30, 8.30 am (MF/MW), 5.00am
Rey Mooret, 7.30 Terry Wogert: 10.00
Jimmy Youngt: 12.00 Music while you
work with Jack Peberdy's Flutes and
Things 1, 12.30 Gloria Hunniford: 2.02
Sports Desk: 2.30 Ed Stewart: 3.02
Sports Desk: 4.00 David Hamiltont, 4.02,
5.30 Sports Desk: 6.00 John Dunnifs.45
Sport and Classified Resuits (mf only).
7.30 Marching and Waltzing 1, 8.30
Country Club with Wally Whytont: 9.30
Star Sound Extra. Karen Black, the
Holywood actress, talks to Phillip Hosywood actress, talks to Phillip Bergson about her new film Can She Bergson about her new Bim Can She Bake a Cherry Cake? and Toni Hutchinson reviews some of the latest releases including Garky Park, The Honorary Consul, Daniel, and Clint Eastwood's new movie Sudden Impact, in which the character Dirty Harry reappears. 9.57 Sports Desk, 10.00 I'm sorry, I haven't a due, 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight, A.M. (stereo from midnight), 11.02; 12.02 Cricket Desk, 2.00-5.00 Richard Clegg presents You and the Night and the Music, 2.02; 3.02; 4.04; Cricket Desk.

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and then 12.00 midnight (mf/mw) 6.00am Adrian John with the Early Show. 7.00 Mike Read, 9.00 Simon Bates, 11.30 Mike Smith, incl. 12.30 Newsbeat, 2.00 Gary Davies, 4.30 Peter Powelt, incl. 5.30 Newsbeat, 7.00 David Jansen, 10.00-12.00 John Peel, 1 VHF David and 2.6 Newsbeat, 7.00 David Jansen, 10.00-12.00 John Peel, 1 VHF David and 2.6 News With Bartin 2. Radios 1 and 2 5.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 With Radio 2.

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6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.99
Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Country Style, 7.45
Network UK. 8.09 World News. 8.09
Relections. 8.15 The Palnier of Signa. 8.30
John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of
the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 8.30
Financial News. 8.40 Look Ahead. 8.46 Edward
Egar: The Making of a Composer. 18.15
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UK. 1.45 The Pleasure's Yours. 2.30 Discovery.
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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

HTV As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News, 5.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Three Little Words. 6.90 News, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Emmerdale Farm, 7.30-8.00 Carry on Laughing, 10.30 Scane '84, 11.00 Lou Grant, 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Wales This Week. SCOTTISH As London except 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Family Trees, 5.10 Bodyline. 5.20-5.45 Crossroeds, 6.00 Scotland Today, 6.30 Now You See It. 7.00 Take the High Road, 7.30-8.00 Carry on Laughing, 10.30 As I Please, 11.15 Positively Unemployed, 11.45 Late Call. 11.50 Crann Tara. 12.20am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 That's Hollywood, 1.20 News, 1.30-2.00 Calendar, 5.15-5.45 Happy Days, 8.00 Calendar, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Emmerdale Farm, 7.20-8.00 Carry on Laughing, 10.30 Country Calendar, 11.00 Film: 1 Don't Wars to be Born 1.00 Film: 1 Don't Wars to be Born

(Joan Collins). 12.40am Closedown. Joan Collins. 12.40am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30
News. 2.30 Family Tree. 3.303.30 University Challenge. 5.15 Gus
Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 8.00
Today South West. 6.30 Gardens For
All 7.00-8.00 Casablanca. 10.35 Hill
Street Blues. 11.30 Harvest Jazz at Paul
Masson. 12.05am Portrait of a Lagend.
12.30 Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30-1.80
Crown Court. 1.20 News. 1.30
Afternoon Club. 1.35 Farmhouse Kitchen. 2.10 Miracles Take Longer 2.40 Strange but True. 3.10 Newsbreak 3.20 Sons and Daughters. 3.50-4.00 A-Z. 5.15-5.45 Three Little Words. 8.00 Coast to Coast: 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.00 Carry on Laughing, 10.30 Backchat, 11.00 Showcase, 11.15 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.15 Company, Closedown

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30-1.00 Crown Court. 1.30 Contact. 1.45-3.30 Film: 1.39 Contact. 1.45-3.39 FBR: Mozambique (Stave Cochran). 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.00 Emmerdele Farm. 7.30-8.00 Carry on Laughing. 10.36 Central Lobby. 11.05 Fight Night. 12.05 Portrait of a Legend. 12.35 Closedown.

BORDER As London except:
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University Challenge. 6.00 Lookaround.
6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale
Parm. 7.30-8.00 Carry On Laughing.
10.30 Sweaney. 11.30 Berson. 12.00
News. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1,20pm-1,30 News and Lookeround, 5,15-5,45 Terrahawks. and Lookeround, 5.154-4 1eratem 6.00 Naws, 6.02 Crossroads, 6.25 Northern Life, 7.00 Emmerdale Farm, 7.30-8.00 Cerry on Laughing, 10.32 Fam: Regen (John Thaw), 12.15em idstriage Matters, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30prp-1.00 12.30pm-1.00
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Reports. 1.30-2.00 Paint Along With
Nancy. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.155.45 Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00 This is
Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30
Gransda Reports. 7.00 Emmerdale
Farm. 7.30-8.00 Carry on Laughing.
10.30 Streets of San Francisco. 11.30
Fight Night. 12.30am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 First Thing, 1.20pm-1.30 News, 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Mr Smith. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30 Police News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 That's My Boy. 7.30-8.00 Carry on Laughing. 10.30 Timeless Land. 11.30 About Gaelic. 12.00 News, Closedown

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 About Anglia. 8.20 Area. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Benson. 7.30-8.00 Carry on Laughing. 10.30 Newhart. 11.00 Squash. 11.30 Streets of San Francisco. 12.30em Big Question, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except:
1,20-1,30 News, 2,30
Family Trees, 3,0-3,30 University
Challenge, 5,15-5,45 Beverly HilbBilles'
6,00 Channel Report, 6,30 Crossroads,
6,55 Jazz, 7,00-8,00 Casablanca, 10,35
Hill Street Blues, 11,30 Harvest Jazz at
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he had no intention of being a abstained hack or a lackey and intensified Mr Heath attacked the Daily his onslaught against the Mail whose headline on a report

reading on Tuesday night, traitor, he said. This is getting denied that he had led or very close to the end of organized the rebellion and democracy as far as the Mail is angrily denounced the coverage concerned. It has no arguments,

ment for the first time since the Tories were returned to power in 1979, the former Tory leader made it clear that he would continue to speak out if he felt it

He said the party had always been one in which people had heir say and influenced events: The responsibilty lies on us to continue that tradition. We are not going to be backs and lackeys, pushed here and there. We are going to express our views and will act accordingly in the House of Commons."

In an interview on BBC ladio's World at One, Mr leath said that Tuesday's evolt was a spontaneous saip will be announced today.

Novement of Conservative Leading article, letters, page 11

Mr Edward Heath, in a MPs who shared his views, and defiant mood after voting he knew that many others against the rate-capping legislation, yesterday declared that against the Bill or to have

Government's economic reof the vote was "Heath's
cord.

Mr Heath, one of 13 ConMr Heath, one of 13 Conservative MPs who voted have such a headline. "If you against the Rates Bill second differ from anyone you are a of his action by some newspapers.

Unrepentant about going into

so it resorts to abuse of the
grossest kind." He said it was
not only the Mail that indulged the lobbies against the Govern- in "this narrow, bigoted ap-

> • Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark one of the Conservatives who voted against the Rates Bill, was among the Tory MPs chosen by the Commons Committee of Selection yesterday to serve on the Bill's

Although he can be expected to withdraw his support from the Government on several issues during the Bill's passage, its majority will not be at risk. There will be 17 Tory members, nine labour and two Alliance on the committee, whose member-

Sales of assets to affect borrowing level

Dy Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent wson, the Chancellor of the Achequer, may move to sighten fiscal policy in the Erdget came yesterday from Siz Terence Burns, his chief Set.

* Committee of is bolding its .c autumn stateto take the level of asset sales into account when judging the appropriate level of public borrowing, "though not necessarily one for one".

Since the Government set its £8,000m borrowing target for 1984-85 last spring it has increased its estimate of asset sales from £1,500m to £1,900m. Many people in the City believe even that to be a

\ broad hint that Mr Nigel since it includes the sale shares in British Telecom. That has led to charges that

by using the proceeds of asset sales to reduce public spending the Government is running a more expansionary fiscal policy than the raw public borrowing figures suggest. The arguments for reducing the PSBR below £8,000m -

which could involve a significant and unpopular increase in taxation or more draconian cuts in spending - are reinforced by Treasury concern over monetary growth trends and inflation prospects. Its pre-Budget fore-casts are thought to point to inflation sticking at the present level of about 5 per cent by the end of the year, rather than declining to 4.5 per cent as foreshadowed in the autumn

Latest link in London's orbital motorway chain



A key section of London's M25 orbital motorway – its junction with the A10 at Waltham Cross – will be opened by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary for Transport, next Wednesday. Tennis courts have been constructed over the motorway tunnel. Traffic on the £80m section is expected to build up to 50,000 vehicles a day. Photograph: Harry Kerr.

Letter from Brussels

Belgians sacrifice sleep for the Beeb

eyes and an exhausted expression and the chances are it is an English-speaker.

This is not necessarily because the British are having to work extra hard at their desks at the moment to try to sort out the budget problem or because they are worrying abut UHT milk flooding ashore in Albion. It is because since January 6, BBC television has been available live to the 350,000 homes in the "capital of Europe" which are linked to the television cable

Undeterred by the long death-agonies of The Thorn Birds, this new captive audience sits late into the night, mesmerized by the sound of English words coming out of English-speaking mouths, with no sub-titles littering the screen. Even more novel is the experience of watching corny old American films without the agony of trying to reconcile the lip movements with the French of German sounds coming from the loudspeaker.

The Brussels cable telcvision network has long been able to lay claim to being the most polyglot in the world. Any self-respecting home, even before January 6, had a set capable of picking up at least 13 stations in three

French-speakers could tune into all three French channels plus two Belgian ones as well as the Luxembourg output. Dutch-speakers could pick from two Belgian and two Dutch stations. In addition, three German programmes were piped across the border.

The Dutch stations in particular often run Englishlanguage films with minimum sub-titling, as befits a nation where more hardback English novels are reportedly sold than in Britain. But the arrival of the BBC means that four of the seven Community languages are now available live in Brussels, providing the channel-hopper with a rich linguistic experience.

The BBC's arrival also makes it tiring. This is because Britain is an hour behind the rest of Europe - only on the clock, of course means that midnight movies do not start until lam, with all that that implies for those who

Spot somebody round Brus-sels these days with bloodshot of Greenwich mean time to be at their desks next morning.

> The battle to bring the BBC to Belgium has been long and legally difficult. Technically it has been possible for a long time, while the short distances involved mean that any good aerial can pick up both the BBC and ITN anywhere west of Ghent. Bringing the good news east of there requires simple cable technology.

But for years the negotiations have been bogged down, largely because nobody could agree who should pay how much to authors, artistes and film companies for this extra BBC audience. Then, when that was eventually sorted out last September, the main cable companies refused to put it on the air because, they claimed, the bulk of their audience did not want to pay the extra money needed to cover the transmission costs.

The argument spilled over into the Belgian language problem, with the companies claiming that not enough people in French-speaking Wallonia wanted to pay for an English service. Meanwhile, in Flanders, where the BBC was rushed on to the air, viewers were objecting to having to pay for the new French culture channel, TV5, which has just been cabled into Liège.

Given the cable companies intransigence, the British community mounted a letter campaign to convince them that people really did want to watch the BBC. Then the Belgian Government agreed to halve the charge to the cable companies for supplying the signal. The procrastination ended and the BBC will be available to make Lord Carrington feel that much more at home when he moves in as secretary-General of Nato in

British officials have looked forward to the arrival of British television as a useful ally. They have hoped it would prove persuasive in helping to get a responsible British viewpoint across to a public which sometimes reards Britain as the wrecker of

It remains to be seen whether *Hi-de-Hi*. Esther Rantzen and *Dr Who* are the way to win hearts in Europe.

Ian Murray

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New provincial exhibitions Prints and photographs by Ian Sanderson, Tunbridge Wells Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 9.30 to 5 (until

Open exhibition by Cornish artists; Falmouth Art Gallery, The Moor, Falmouth Mon to Fri 10 to 2 to 4.30 (until Feb 3). New London exhibitions

ACROSS

1 Mad Hatter retains majority as

this second child? (4). 10 Bridge support last month

11 Artist guide for Tobias (7). 12 Company in which soldier returned to a stream for a little

13 Regretting downfall before

4 Clergyman is round we hear (5).

:5 Enter into new sort of holding

17 Cheap seating for baseball fans

20 She shows by anger one loses

21 Topping one-way ticket to a

23 Hit the wrong nail (not on the

3 This officer a man of affairs? (7). 26 Conveyance for high explo Clive organized (7).

:7 What we are descended from,

The tube of French polish is not quite finished - capital! (10).

2 Coming out from Greece men appear in difficulties (9).

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regardless of Darwin? (4).

1 Subject to endless choice (5).

head) causing extreme deformity

or textile workers (9).

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exhibits including many from the Anthony d'Offay Gallery, 9 and 23 Townley collection; Wolfson Dering Street, W1; Mon to Fri 10 to Galleries, British Museum, Great 5.30, Sat 10 to I (until March 6). Russell Street, WC1: Mon to Sat 10 to 5 Sun 2.30 to 6

The Anglo Saxons in France 1916-1918; engravings and wood-cuts by Jean-Emile Laboureur, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road SE!: Mon to Sat 10 to 5.50, Sun 2 to 5.50 (until April 8).

Work by Margaret Walker and Leigh Crampton; Air Gallery, 6 to 8 Rosebery Avenue, EC1; Mon to Fri, 11 to 6. Sat 11 to 2 (until Feb 4).

Greek and Roman sculpture: A Omega workshops: alliance and new permanent exhibition of 1,000 emnity in English art, 1911-1920;

3 Old-time dandy a big VIP

course (8,6).

say? (5).

just the same (9).

Islands? Right (7). 22 Saving one? Darling! (5).

24 Levels one against one (5).

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and candle-ends (7).

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SCARCUTY SRIGHT

Photographs by David Walls, McLauren Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5 (until Jan 28).

Second of three Arts Council exhibitionss about sculpture made in Japan, Cartwright Hall, Lister Park, Bradford Tues to Sun 10 to 5 (until 5 Feb). The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 16,339 Holmes, City Museum and Art

Gallery, Priesgate, Peterborough, Tues to Sat 12 to 5 (until Feb 4). Jordanian Exhibition: the last of the Bedouin in Jordan; The Winchester Gallery, Park Avenue. Winchester, Hampshire, Mon to Fri 9 to 6, Sat 9 to 12 (until Feb 3). Past Imperfect: work by Marc Camille Chaimowicz: John Hansant Gallery, The University, Southampton, Mon to Sat 10 to 6 (until Feb 25).

High art at Guildhall: Thornhill

Riguad and the City Corporation; Whirtington Room, Guildhall Library, Guildhall, EC2; Mon to Fri

The paked and the nude by David

9.30 to 4.45 (until March 16).

Exhibitions in progress

"Paintings and Constructions"; by Malcolm Ross-White Festival Gal-iery, Pierrepont Place, Bath; Tues to Sat. 11 to 5 (until Feb 4) Paintings by Walter Osborne, Ulster Museum Botanic Gardens, Belfast;

Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 1 to 5 Sun 2 to 5 (until Feb 29).

Prints by David Barker, and Mesaics, by John Kindness, Peacock Gallery, Craicavon, Borthern Ireland: Mon to Fri 10 to 5, closed Sat and Sun (until Jan 31). Talks, lectures

Betjamin country, by Frank Delaney, Oxford Book Association, Clarendon Press Centre, Walton Street, Oxford, 8, (The annua general meeting of the association Provincial music

Concert by Julian Cawdrey (Flute) and Paul Trepte (piano), Solihuli Library Theatre, Solihuli, 4 His job backing horses? (7). 5 Parade left here for foreign par What suited Tontmy a sine qua Concert by Ian Partridge (tenor) and Jennifer Partridge (piano), Kent non for the motorist, might one

College, Canterbury, 8.
Piano recital by Wolfgang Manz, St George's Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1. 8 Old French transport industry 9 During which Frederic we bound to be a pirate (14). Concert by the Faber Trio, Leicestershire Musuem and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester, Message sent out of Brazilian port on top of this 26 (9). It turns up in Iceland anyhor

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Winter Gar-dens, Bournemouth, 7.30. Parliament todav

ours (2.30); Debate on Opposition motion on housing benefit. Nottinghamshire County Council Bill.

Lords (3): Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, and Town and Country Planning Bill, second reading.

Anniversaries

James Watt, inventor Greenock, Strathelyde, 1736; Robert E. Lee, Confederate commander Stratford, Virginia, 1807; Edgar Allan Poe, Boston, Massachusetts, 1809; Paul Césanne, Aix-en-Provence, 1839. William Congrere

New books – paperbacks The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

A Mere Formatity, novel, by Barbara Howell (Coronet, £1.95).
An Affair of the Heart, by Dilys Powell (Michael Haag, £4.95).
Bohamia in London, by Aritur Ransone (Oxford, £3.50).
Lost and Found, novel, by Julian Gloeg (Arrow, £1.95).
Sadier's Birthday, novel, by Rose Tremain (Arena, £2.50).
Sweat Nothings, An Antitology of Love, by Jonathon Green (Sphere, £1.50).
The Fourth Estate, A History of Women In the Middle Ages, by Shular Shahar (Methuen, £7.95).

The papers

President Reagan's call, in election year, for an improved dialogue between the United States

and the Soviet Union has given "an enormous boost" to the West German delegation to the conference on disamament at Stockholm,

the Neue Ruhr-Zeitung said yester-

The paper said that, in December,

the United States did not even want to mention the possibility of East-West cooperation in the com-

munique issued at the end of that month's Nato meeting. President Reagan's speech has been greeted by West German delegates at Stock-

holm as "almost European" in its

fondness for smoking it or that he

The paper also quotes from Mr Heath's recent critique of govern-ment economic policy, and con-cludes: Mrs Thatcher can answer

the rest. Though that would be a los

"But what does that matter

vhen they are also right?"

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one, the paper reported.

Shahar (Methuen, 27.95). The filusionist, novel, by Anite Mason (Abacus, 21.95). The Stepe of the Sun, by Joanna Trollope (Arrow, 21.95). Young Charles Lamb, 1775-1802, by Winlined F. Courtney (Macmillan, 27.96).

Roads

Loudon and South-east: A235: Water main repairs at junction of Brighton Road and Sanderstead Lane. Croydon; single line traffic in each direction. M20: Major reconstruction work from A20 (junction 5: Maidstone west) to ¼ mile east of A249 (junction 7:Sheerness, Sitting-bourne). with contraflow's in operation on both carriageways; avoid if possible. A5: Installation of signals at Edgware Road, Colindale

Midlands: A34: Roadworks at Tidmington, south of Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire; delays, A6: Roadworks at Topley Pike, Derbyshire; temporary signals, A38: Reconstruction work on Burton upon Trent borgss; Staffordshire. upon Trent bypass. Staffordshire, two-way traffic on one carriageway plus diversion at Clay Mills.

Wales and West: A35: Road-Wales and West: A35: Road-works at Loughwood, between Axminster and Honiton, Devou; temporary traffic signals at Bow Bridge, A38: Eastbound carriageway of Plymouth to Ivybridge road closed cast of Lee Mill. A361: Roadworks at Trowbridge High Street, single lane traffic, with temporary signals.

North: Liverpool: Queensway Tunnel closed nightly, all traffic being diverted via the Liverpool to being diverted via the Liverpool to Wallasey Tunnel, between 9.15 pm and 5.45 am. A579: Bolton Road. Atherton is closed for major roadworks from the junction with old Bolton Road to Bolton boundary. A19/A1946: Reconstruction work at Portrack Roundabout, north of River Tees.

he really ought to know better."

The paper says that to compare manijuans with sleohol and nicotine is to "miss the point entirely." It says: "These are historically legal—"sceptable" drugs". It admits, though, that both "siready do enormous damage to our health, on a scale that can be measured in millions of pounds and thousands of deaths and disablement." Scotland: A82: Blasting operations four rolles north of Tarbet realignment, single lane traffic with lights. A945: Roadworks on Riverside Drive, Aberdeen at Wellington Bridge, with construction traffic care required. A75: Repairs to damage at Threes Bridge weet of The Daily Mirror comments on the verdict by a number of Conservative MP's against the Government's rate-capping proposals that Mrs Thatcher has only herself to blame. "Once the put monkeys into her Cabinet she was damage at Threave Bridge, west of Castle Douglas, Kirkeudbright; single lane traffic with lights.

Information supplied by the AA.

The markets London: The FT Index closed up 14-1 at 821-2.

The Times Information Service

A number of items normally included in The Times Information Service are missing from today's columns. This is due to a dispute involving cherical members of the Sogat 52 union. We spologise for

Weather Iorecast

An anticyclone will move across the British Isles as a depression over N France moves away E.

6 am to midaicht

London, Midhanda, NW, contral N England: Dry, suriny periods; wind varieble light, max temp 5C (41F), frost early and late.

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East Anglia, E England: Suruny periods, isolated wintry showers near coasts; wind variable, becoming N, light; max temp 3 to 5C (37 to 41F), frost infand early and late.

Channel Infander Cloudy, rain or sleet at first, surny periods developing later, wind NE, tresh or strong, soon decreasing, light; max temp 5C (41F).

worker, Leise District, Isle of Man, SW, MW Scotland, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny Irelavals, Isolated wintry altoware dying out; wind MW, moderate, becoming veriable, light; max lemp 4C (39F), frost inland early and light;

Edinburgh and Dundee, Glesgow, central Highlands: Freezing for patches slowly dispersing, summy intervals, isolated snow showers on Nils; wind variable, Right; max temp 3C (STF), inost early and late.

Outlook for tomorrow and Seturday: Ma dry, summy periods, patchy troazing or strong, see moderate or rough. Strains of Dover, English Channel (E): wind N, strong or gate force; see rough. St George's Chentel, Irish See: Wind N, moderate or treat; sea

"Everybody who cares about the welfare of four young people will be disturbed by the remarks about cannabis made by pop star Paul McCartney", claims the Daily Star, which notes that the ex-beatle has been fined four times in the past for possessing Marijnana, the Intest time along with his wife Linda in Barbadoa a few days ago.

"About all this Paul is ungenera-"About all this Paul is unrepen-tant, lastead he declares pot ought to be 'decriminalised' because 'it is a Sun sets 4.26 pm to be decriminated because it is a lot less harmful than whisky or nicotine, and they are perfectly legal. The paper observes "What's more, he makes no secret of his Moon rises: Moon sets: 5.31 pm 9.02 am Last Quarter: January 25.

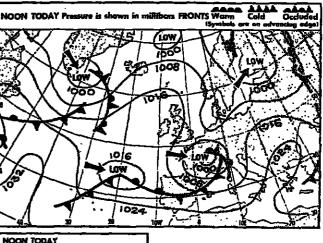
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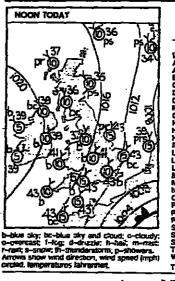
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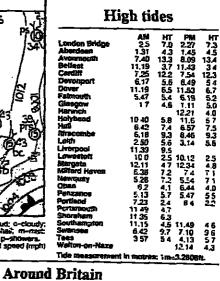
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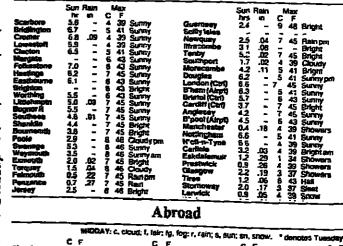
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